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## **Supporting Information**

## Construction of a ternary MoO<sub>2</sub>/Ni/C hybrid towards lithium-ion batteries as highperformance electrode

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Figure. S1. XRD pattern of the MoO<sub>2</sub>/Ni composite.



Figure. S2. Raman spectrum of MoO<sub>2</sub>/Ni/C composite.



Figure. S3.SEM images of the synthesized MoO<sub>2</sub>/Ni composite.



Figure. S4.N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherm and pore size distribution curves of (a)  $MoO_2/Ni/C$  and (b)  $MoO_2/Ni$ .



Figure. S5. High-resolution XPS spectra of (a) N 1s and (b) O 1s.



Figure. S6. (a) XPS survey scan of  $MoO_2/Ni$ ; high-resolution XPS spectra of (b) Mo 3d, (c) Ni 2p and (d) O 1s.

**Table. S1.**Comparison of electrochemical performance of MoO<sub>2</sub>-based electrodes prepared by different methods.

Samples	Methed	Initial	Cycle	Current	Capacity	Ref.
		Coulombic	number	density	(mA hg <sup>-1</sup> )	
		effifiency (%)		$(mAg^{-1})$		
MoO <sub>2</sub> /Ni/C	Solution and annealing	71.8	200	200	807	This work
MoO <sub>2</sub> /ZnSe@N-C	selenization	~65.0	100	100	807	1
	self-templating					
MoO <sub>2</sub> NP@rGO	and	~60.0	350	1000	641	2
	calcination					
	Direct current					
	(DC) arc-					
(MoO <sub>3</sub> NRs/MoO <sub>2</sub> NPs)@C	discharge	90.0	100	100	840	3
	plasma					
	technique					
3D MoO <sub>2</sub> /NC	Solution and annealing	~83.8	250	100	912	4
CMAS-650	Solution and annealing	76.3	100	500	916	5
MoO <sub>2</sub> -SnO <sub>2</sub> -C	facial ball milling	76.5	100	1000	627.8	6
ZnO-MoO <sub>2</sub> /C	self-templating	~56.0	150	100	860	7
MoO <sub>2</sub> /NC NPs	dual-annealing	84.1	200	500	1017	8
porous MoO <sub>2</sub> /C hybrid microrods	sol-gel method	52.6	100	1000	374	9



Figure. S7.Cycling performance of the MoO<sub>2</sub>/Ni electrodes at 200 mA g<sup>-</sup>

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**Figure. S8.** The surfaceSEM images of the MoO<sub>2</sub>/Ni/C (a-b) freshand (c-d) after the 50th charge and discharge processes.



Figure. S9.CV profiles with shaded portion showing the capacitive contribution at 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7 and 1 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.

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