## **Supporting Information**

## Core-shelled Sb@C nanorods cathode with graphene aerogel interlayer for

## high-capacity aluminum ion batteries

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Figure S1 Material characterization of graphene aerogel (GA) interlayer. (a) SEM image; (b)  $N_2$  isotherm adsorption and desorption curve and pore size distribution; (c)FT-IR spectra; (d) C 1s of XPS.



**Figure S2 (a)** CV curve of GA at the rate of 1.0 mV/s; (b) Galvanostatic charge/discharge curve of GA at the current density of 100 mA/g.



Figure S3 Morphologies and corresponding element mapping of Sb@C after 500 cycles at 1 A/g.



**Figure S4** Morphologies and corresponding element mapping of GA interlayer before and after 500 cycles at 1 A/g.