## **Supporting Information**

## Enhanced stability of Vanadium-doped Li<sub>1.2</sub>Ni<sub>0.16</sub>Co<sub>0.08</sub>Mn<sub>0.56</sub>O<sub>2</sub> cathode materials for superior Li-ion batteries

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Samples	a(Å)	c(Å)	c/a	V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	$I_{(003)}/I_{(104)}$
Pristine	2.8751	14.2475	4.9554	101.99	1.323
V-0.5%	2.8715	14.2674	4.9686	101.88	1.390
V-1%	2.8546	14.2691	4.9986	100.74	1.417
V-2%	2.8549	14.2659	4.9969	100.75	1.319
V-5%	2.8863	14.2052	4.9215	102.48	1.271

Table S1. Lattice parameters of pristine, V-0.5%, V-0.2%, V-1%, V-2% and V-5% samples.



Fig. S1. XPS images for the pristine and V-1% samples.

**Table S2.** Percentage of  $Mn^{3+}$  ions in the pristine material and V-1%.

Pristine	Position	Area	V-1%	Position	Area
$Mn^{4+}$	642.68	86566.36	$Mn^{4+}$	642.67	48367.46
$Mn^{3+}$	641.49	20474.39	$Mn^{3+}$	641.51	22423.2
Mn <sup>3+</sup> in Mn		19.12%	Mn <sup>3+</sup> in Mn		31.67%



Fig. S2. SEM images of V-5% sample.



Fig. S3. SEM images of V-0.05% sample.



Fig. S4. SEM images of V-2% sample



Fig. S5. SEM images of V-1% (a); EDS-mapping of Li (b), Mn (c), Ni (d), Co (e), and V (f).



Fig. S6. (a, b) Secondary particle size distribution of the pristine, V-1%, and V-5% samples, D90, D50 and D10 are the equivalent diameters (average particle size) of the largest particles in the distribution curve at a cumulative distribution of 90%, 50% and 10%, respectively. (c) Nitrogen adsorption and desorption isotherms of the pristine, V-1%, and V-5% samples.



Fig. S7. Initial galvanostatic charge/discharge profiles of the pristine, V-0.5%, V-1%, V-2%, and V-5% samples at the current density of 0.05 C (1 C = 250 mAg<sup>-1</sup>) between 2.0 and 4.8 V (a); the charge/discharge curves of pristine, V-0.5%, V-1%, V-2%, and V-5% samples (b-f).

Sample	Charge capacity (mA∙g⁻¹)	Discharge capacity (mAh·g <sup>-1</sup> )	Sloping area (mAh·g <sup>-1</sup> )	Platform area (mAh·g <sup>-1</sup> )	Coulomb efficiency (%)
Pristine	319.72	236.63	116.54	203.18	74.01
V-0.05%	348.63	266.25	125.12	223.51	76.37
V-1%	361.65	280.91	134.26	227.39	77.67
V-2%	305.21	223.81	113.67	191.54	73.33
V-5%	296.55	214.69	107.99	188.56	72.40

**Table S3.** Initial charge/discharge data for the pristine, V-0.5%, V-1%, V-2% and V-5%

electrodes at the current density of 0.05 C between 2.0 and 4.8 V.



Fig. S8. Cyclic voltammetry curves of the pristine, V-0.5%, , V-2%, and V-5% (a-d) samples at

0.1 mV $\cdot$ s<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S9.** Nyquist plots of pristine, V-0.5%, V-1%, V-2%, and V-2% samples for the 3rd cycle (a); Nyquist plots of pristine, V-0.5%, V-1%, V-2%, and V-2% samples for the 100th cycle (b).

Samples	$R_{ct}(\Omega, 3^{rd}$ cycle)	$R_{ct}(\Omega, 100^{ m th}  m cycle)$	$R_s(\Omega, 3^{ m rd}$ cycle)	$R_s(\Omega, 3^{ m rd}$ cycle)
Pristine	49.85	106.90	2.85	10.54
V-0.5%	45.15	116.00	3.33	5.77
V-1%	14.61	20.72	6.98	4.50
V-2%	105.9	126.8	6.28	4.50
V-5%	113.5	205.4	1.07	10.20

Table S4 The Impedance data for the pristine, V-0.5%, V-1%, V-2% and V-2% electrodes

for the  $3^{rd}$  and  $100^{th}$  cycles.

Table S5 Lattice parameters of pristine, V-1% and V-5% samples after cycles.

Samples	I(003)/I(104)		
Pristine	1.392		
V-1%	1.401		
V-5%	0.880		