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## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Performance improvement strategies of cobalt based electrode for the

## electrooxidation of sodium borohydride

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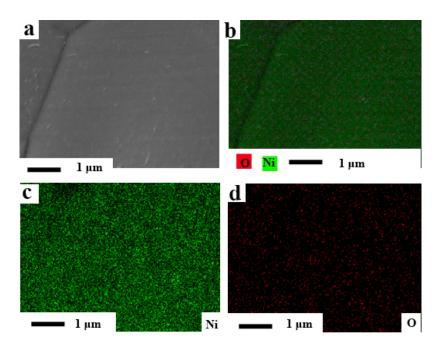


Fig. S1 SEM image (a) of the NF electrode and corresponding EDS images (b-d).

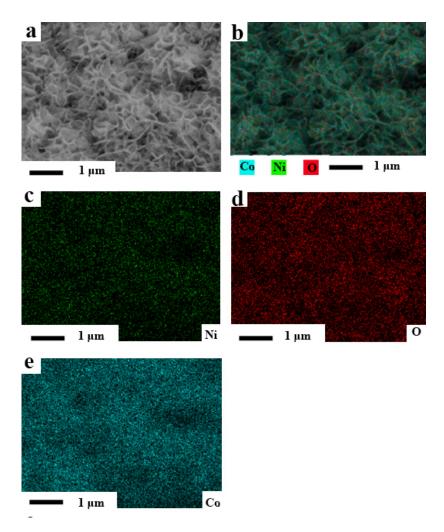


Fig. S2 SEM image (a) of the Co/NF electrode and corresponding EDS images

(b-e).

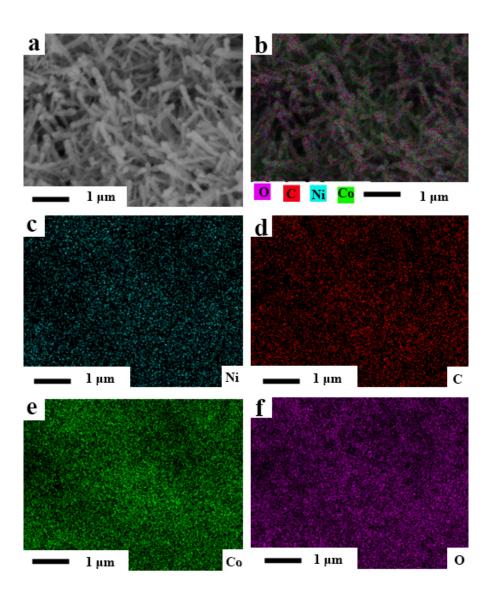


Fig. S3 SEM image of the  $Co/NF-CoC_2O_4$  electrode (a) and corresponding EDS

images (b-f).

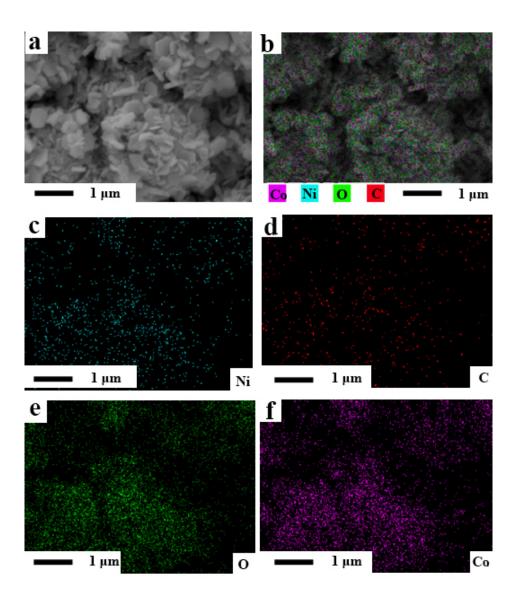


Fig. S4 SEM image of Co/NF-CoC<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Co electrode after the CV test in 1.5 mol

dm<sup>-3</sup> NaOH (a) and corresponding EDS images (b-f).

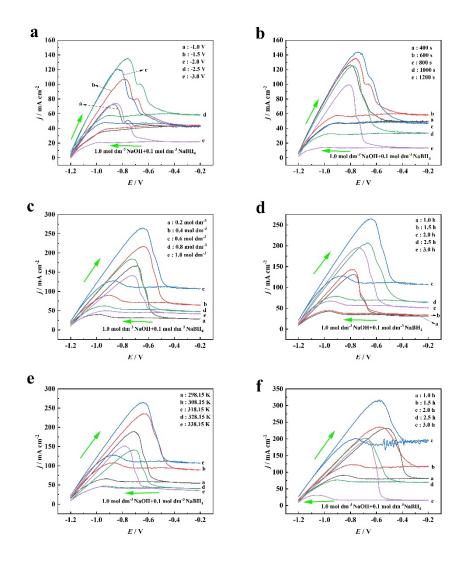


Fig. S5 CV curves of Co/NF electrode prepared under different deposition conditions: deposition potential (-1.0~-3.0 V) (a), deposition time (400~1200 s) (b); CV curves of Co/NF-CoC<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> electrode prepared under different etching conditions: concentration of H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (0.2~1.0 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>) (c), time of H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> etching (1~3 h) (d) and temperature of H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> etching (298.15~338.15 K) (e); CV curves of Co/NF-CoC<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Co electrode prepared under different reduction times (1~3 h) (f). All CV

tests were performed in 1.0 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> NaOH+0.1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> NaBH<sub>4</sub> solution at the scan

rate of 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.