

## *Supporting Information*

### **Role of Cobalt Phthalocyanine on the Formation of High-Valent Cobalt Species Revealed by In situ Raman**

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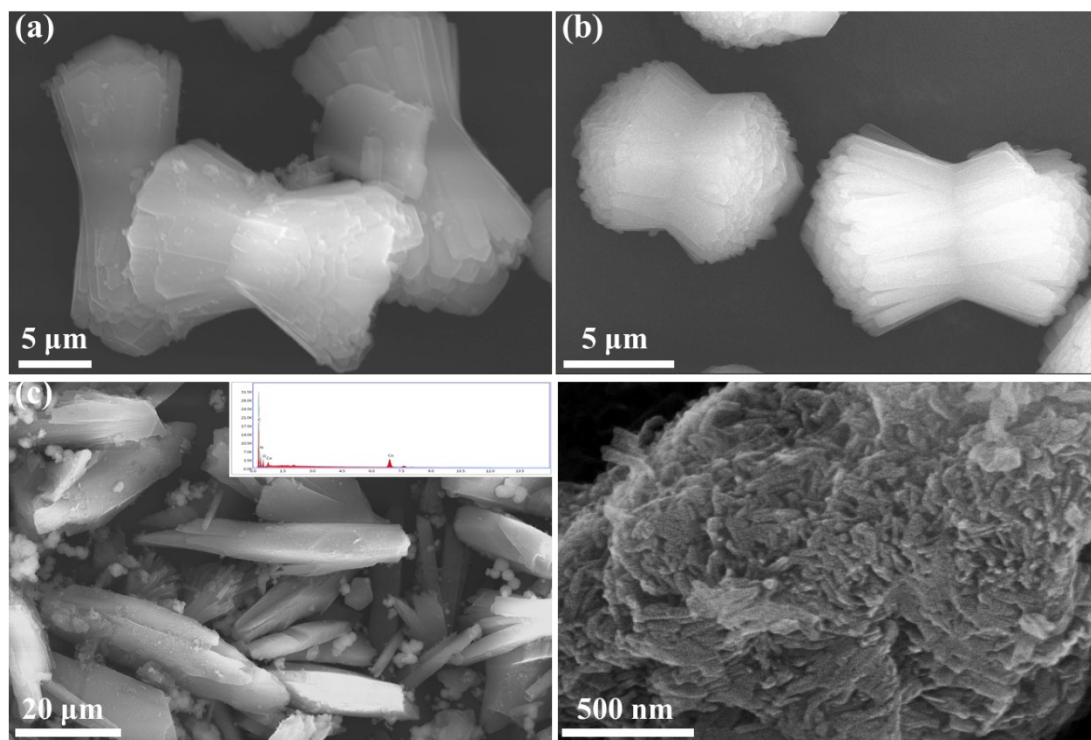
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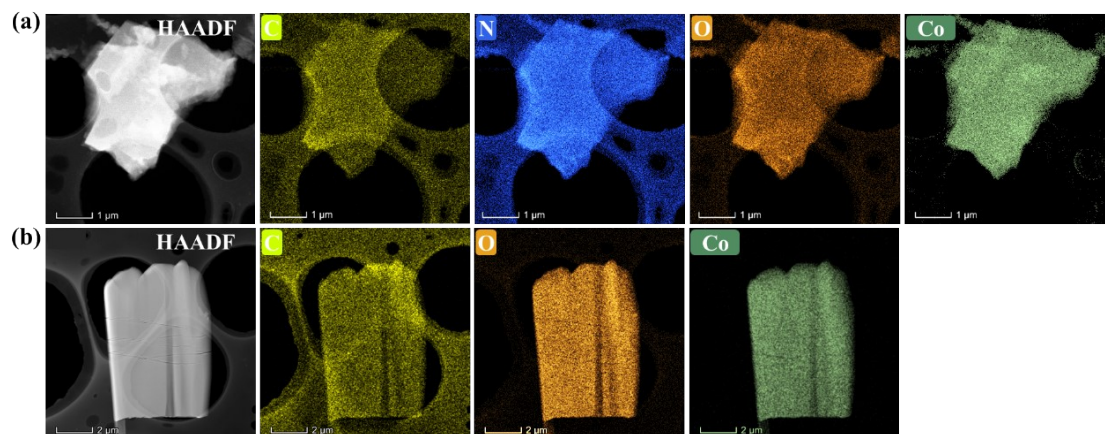
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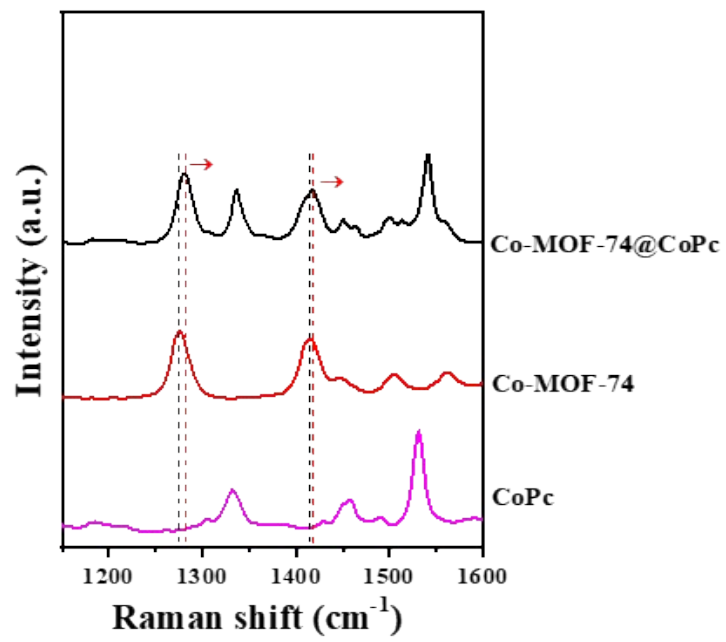
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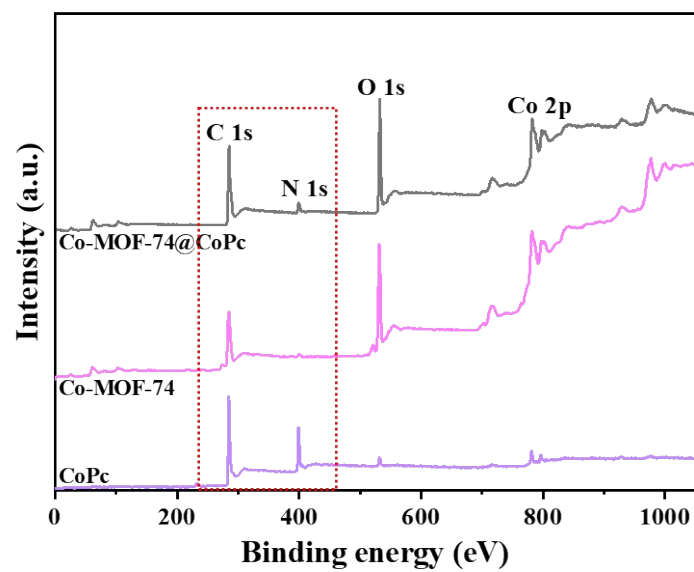
**Fig. S1** SEM images of Co-MOF-74 (a), Co-MOF-74@CoPc (b), CoPc (c) and Pc (d).



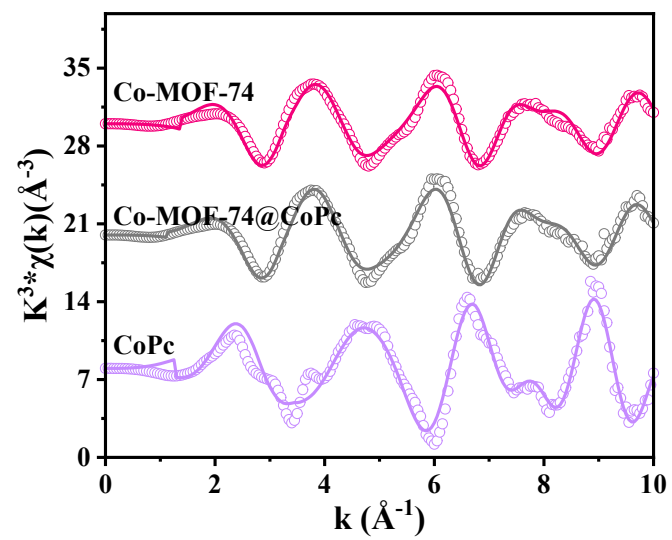
**Fig. S2** The HAADF-STEM images and the corresponding EDS elemental mapping images of Co-MOF-74@CoPc (a) and Co-MOF-74 (b).



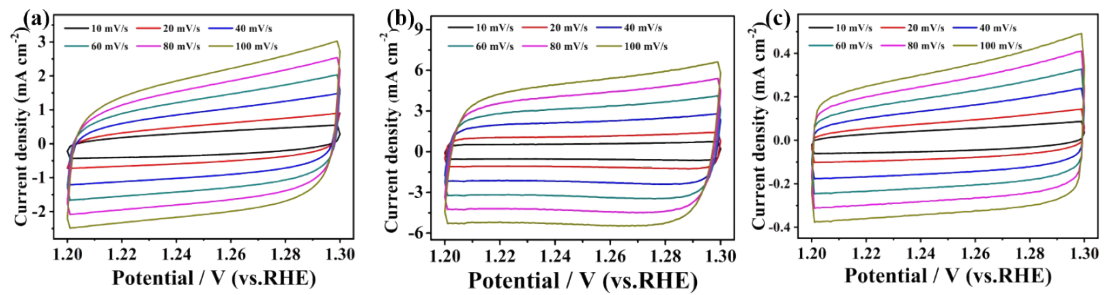
**Fig. S3** Raman spectra of CoPc, Co-MOF-74 and Co-MOF-74@CoPc.



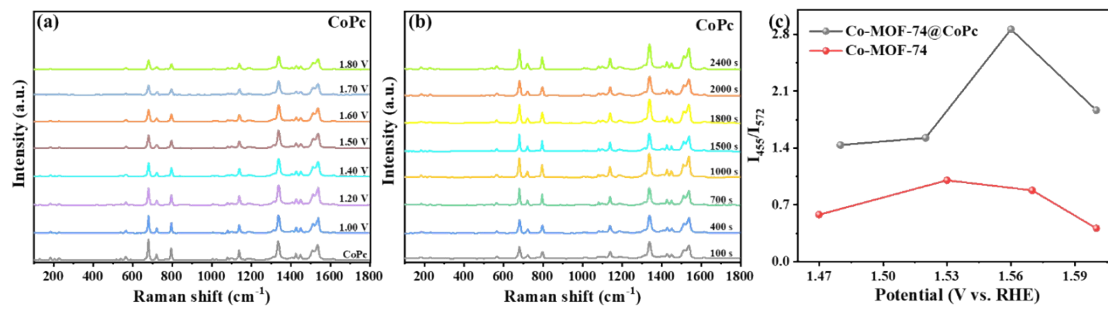
**Fig. S4** The XPS survey spectra of CoPc, Co-MOF-74 and Co-MOF-74@CoPc.



**Fig. S5** The Co K-edge extended EXAFS oscillation functions of CoPc, Co-MOF-74 and Co-MOF-74@CoPc.

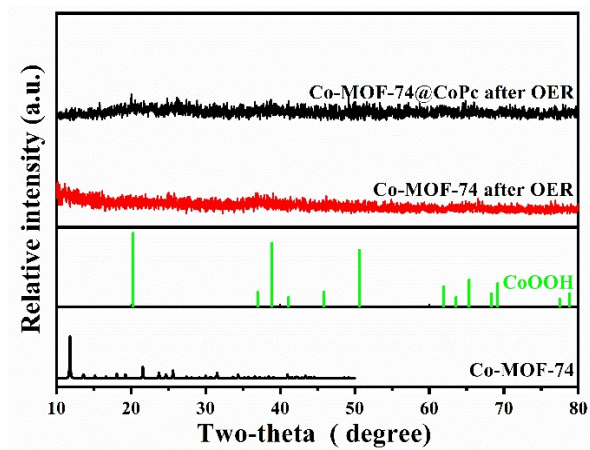


**Fig. S6** Cyclic voltammety curves of Co-MOF-74 (a), Co-MOF-74@CoPc (b) and CoPc (c) at different scanning rates from 10 - 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup> in 1 M KOH solution.

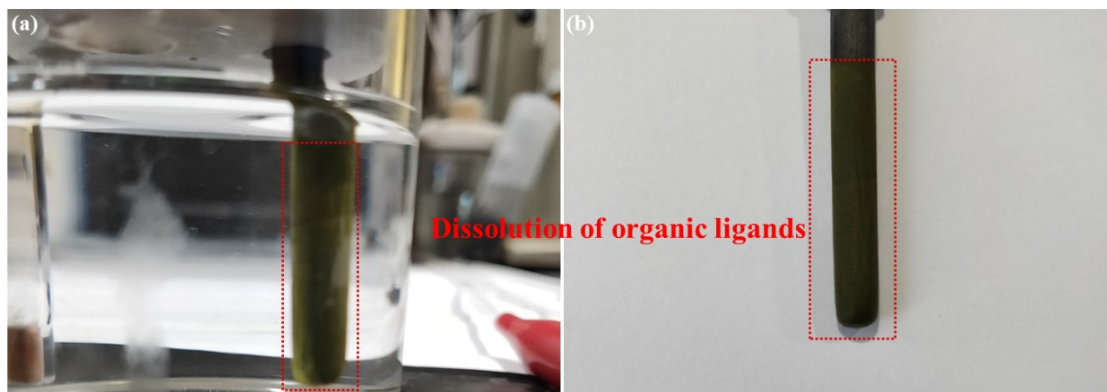


**Fig. S7** Potential-dependent (a) and time-dependent (b) in-situ Raman spectra of CoPc during OER process. (c) The evolution of  $I_{455}/I_{572}$  versus potential of Co-MOF-74 and Co-MOF-74@CoPc during OER process.

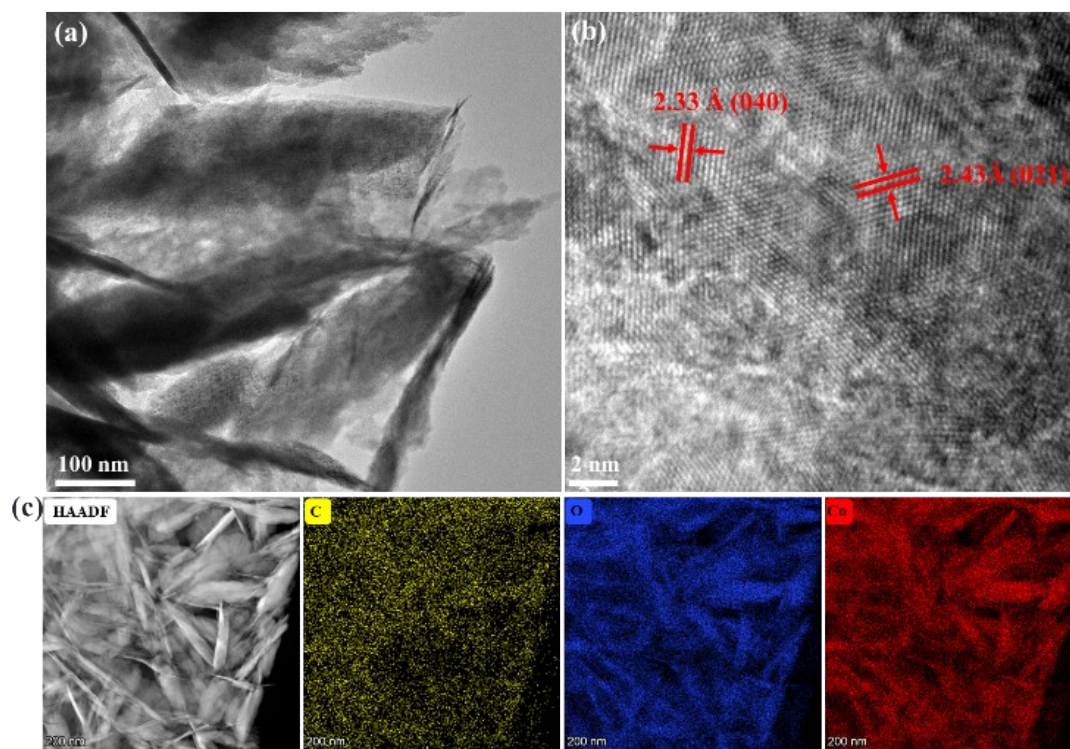




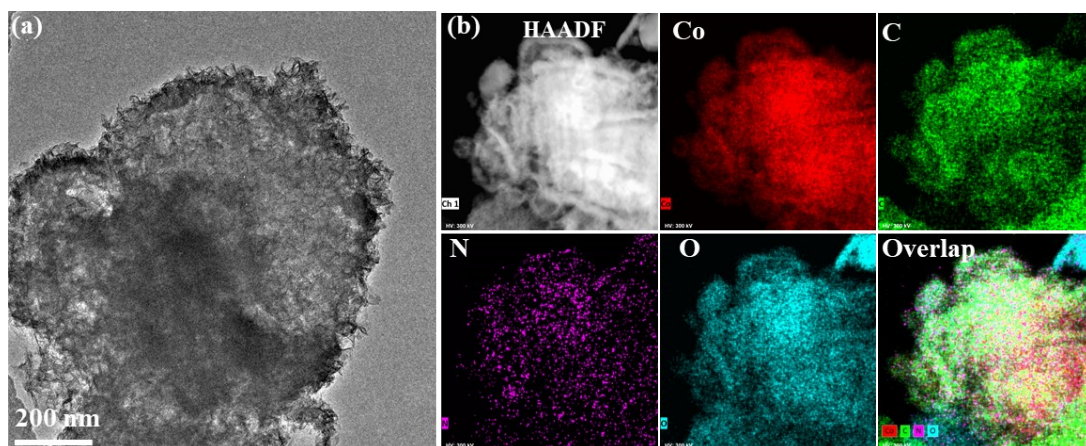
**Fig. S8** The XRD patterns of Co-MOF-74 and Co-MOF-74@CoPc after the OER stability.



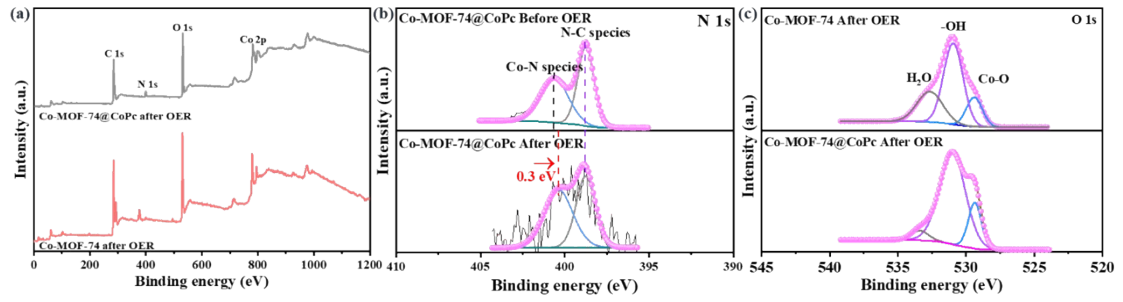
**Fig. S9** (a, b) Optical microscopy images of the reference electrode after the OER stability.



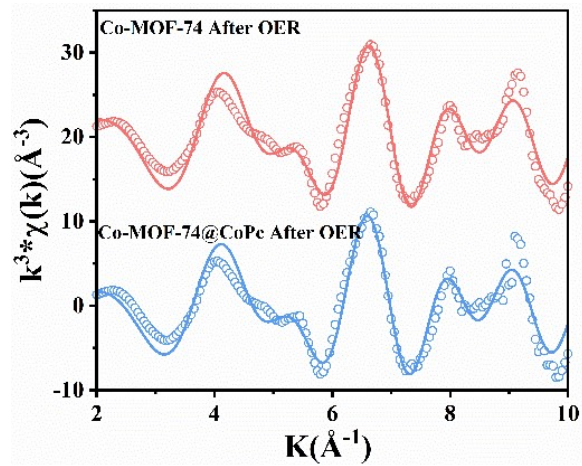
**Fig. S10** (a) TEM image, (b) HRTEM image, (c) HAADF-STEM image and corresponding EDS elemental mapping images of the Co-MOF-74 after the OER stability.



**Fig. S11** (a) TEM image, (b) HAADF-STEM image and corresponding EDS elemental mapping images of the Co-MOF-74@CoPc after the OER stability.



**Fig. S12** Survey XPS spectra (a) and High-resolution O 1s XPS spectra (c) of the Co-MOF-74, Co-MOF-74@CoPc after the OER stability. (b) High-resolution N 1s XPS spectra of Co-MOF-74@CoPc and Co-MOF-74/CoPc after the OER stability.



**Fig. S13** (a) The Co K-edge extended EXAFS oscillation functions of Co-MOF-74 and Co-MOF-74@CoPc after the OER stability. The experimental spectra are represented by scatter points, and the theoretical fits are represented by the solid line.

**Table S1.** EXAFS Fitting parameters of Co R-space for Co-MOF-74 and Co-MOF-74@CoPc, respectively.

<b>Samples</b>	<b>Path</b>	<b>CN</b>	<b>S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup></b>	<b>ΔE<sub>0</sub> (eV)</b>	<b>σ<sup>2</sup> (Å<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>R (Å)</b>
Co-MOF-74	Co-O <sub>1</sub>	3	0.87	7.0	0.002	2.06
	Co-O <sub>2</sub>	3			0.0095	2.24
	Co-C	3			0.010	3.20
	Co-Co	2			0.010	3.06
Co-MOF-74@CoPc	Co-O <sub>1</sub>	3	0.85	4.7	0.0025	2.05
	Co-O <sub>2</sub>	3			0.010	2.18
	Co-C	3			0.010	3.11
	Co-Co	2			0.010	3.06

**Table S2.** EXAFS Fitting parameters of Co R-space for Co-MOF-74 and Co-MOF-74@CoPc after the OER stability, respectively.

Samples	Path	CN	$S_0^2$	$\Delta E_0$ (eV)	$\sigma^2$ ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )	R ( $\text{\AA}$ )
Co-MOF-74	Co-O <sub>1</sub>	6	0.95	-3.3	0.0077	1.91
	Co-Co	6			0.0096	2.85
Co-MOF-74@CoPc	Co-O <sub>1</sub>	6	0.95	-5.1	0.0076	1.91
	Co-Co	6			0.0097	2.85

CN: coordination numbers;

$S_0^2$ : amplitude reduction factor, ( $0.7 < S_0^2 < 1.0$ );

$\sigma^2$ : Debye-Waller factors, ( $\sigma^2 < 0.02$ );

$\Delta E_0$ : the inner potential correction, ( $-10 < \Delta E_0 < 10$ );

R: bond length, all the path distances discussed are apparent distances without phase correction.



**Table S3.** Comparison of OER catalytic activity of Co-MOF-74 and Co-MOF-74@CoPc with M-MOF-74 and Pc based catalysts in alkaline media.

Samples	Test	Overpotential (mV@mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Tafel slope (mV dec <sup>-1</sup> )	Durability (h)	Substrate	References
	Condition					
Co-MOF-74@CoPc	1.0 M KOH	291@10	69	220	GC	This work
Co-MOF-74	1.0 M KOH	351@10	73	58	GC	This work
Fe(OH) <sub>3</sub> @Co-MOF-74	1.0 M KOH	292@10	44	20	CP	1
Co-MOF-74	1.0 M KOH	389@10	80	20	CP	1
FeCo-MNS-1.0	0.1 M KOH	298@10	21.6	10000 s	GC	2
Co <sub>0.6</sub> Fe <sub>0.4</sub> -MOF-74	1.0 M KOH	280@10	56	12	GC	3
CoFe-MOF-74/Co/CC	1.0 M KOH	226@20	85.1	70	CC	4
Fe-MOF-74@NF	1.0 M KOH	207@10	41.1	72	NF	5
NiFe-MOF-74/NF	1.0 M KOH	223@10	71.6	65	NF	6
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @MOF-74	1.0 M KOH	285@50	43	12	NF	7
NiCoFe-MOF-74	1.0 M KOH	270@10	89	8	GC	8
FeCo <sub>2</sub> Ni-MOF-74	1.0 M KOH	269@10	8.0	100	GC	9
NiPc-GO	1.0 M KOH	320@10	61	17	GC	10
FeCo-PPC	1.0 M KOH	254@10	42.86	24	NF	11
NiPc-NiFe <sub>0.09</sub>	1.0 M KOH	300@10	55	1000 cycles	GC	12
pCoPc-1/CC	1.0 M KOH	382@10	102.9	12	CC	13
NiPc-MOF	1.0 M KOH	onset potential	74	50	FTO	14

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CP: Carbon Paper

GC: Glassy Carbon

NF: Nickel Foam

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