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Supporting Information

(FeMnCe)-co-doped MOF-74 with significantly improved performance for overall water splitting

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Fig. S1 SEM of (a)Fe-MOF-74/NF, (b)FeCe_{0.5}-MOF-74/NF, (c)FeCe₁-MOF-74/NF, (d)FeCe₂-MOF-74/NF



Fig. S2 SEM of (a)Mn-MOF-74/NF, (b)Mn₆Ce_{0.5}-MOF-74/NF, (c)Mn₆Ce₁-MOF-74/NF, (d)Mn₆Ce₂-MOF-74/NF



Fig. S3 (a) EDX patterns of $FeMn_6Ce_{0.5}$ -MOF-74/NF; (b) elemental mapping of $FeMn_6Ce_{0.5}$ -MOF-74/NF



Fig. S4 XRD patterns of (a) (FeMnCe)-MOF-74 series; (b) FeCe-MOF-74 series and (c) MnCe-MOF-74 series.



Fig. S5 FT-IR patterns of (a) FeMn₆-MOF-74/NF, FeMn₆Ce_{0.5}-MOF-74/NF, and ligand DOBDC; (b) (FeMnCe)-MOF-74 series; (c) FeCe-MOF-74 series and (d) MnCe-MOF-74 series.



Fig. S6 OER performances of all as-prepared materials in 1 M KOH. The LSV plots of (a) single metal-MOF-74; (b) FeCe-MOF-74 series; (c) MnCe-MOF-74 series and (d) (FeMnCe)-MOF-74 series.



Fig. S7 OER performances of all as-prepared materials in 1 M KOH. Tafel plots of (a) single metal-MOF-74; (b) FeCe-MOF-74 series; (c) MnCe-MOF-74 series and (d) (FeMnCe)-MOF-74 series.



Fig. S8 HER performances of all as-prepared materials in 1 M KOH. The LSV plots of (a) single metal-MOF-74; (b) FeCe-MOF-74 series; (c) MnCe-MOF-74 series and (d) (FeMnCe)-MOF-74 series.



Fig. S9 HER performances of all as-prepared materials in 1 M KOH. Tafel plots of (a) single metal-MOF-74; (b) FeCe-MOF-74 series; (c) MnCe-MOF-74 series and (d) (FeMnCe)-MOF-74 series.



Fig. S10 The equivalent circuit model for electrochemical impedance tests.



Fig. S11 OER performances of all as-prepared materials in 1 M KOH. Nyquist plots of (a) single metal-MOF-74; (b) FeCe-MOF-74 series; (c) MnCe-MOF-74 series and (d) (FeMnCe)-MOF-74 series.



Fig. S12 HER performances of all as-prepared materials in 1 M KOH. Nyquist plots of (a) single metal-MOF-74; (b) FeCe-MOF-74 series; (c) MnCe-MOF-74 series and (d) (FeMnCe)-MOF-74 series.



Fig. S13 CV curves of all as-prepared materials at scan rates ranging from 20 to 120 mV/s



Fig. S14 C_{dl} data of Nyquist plots of (a) single metal-MOF-74; (b) FeCe-MOF-74 series; (c) MnCe-MOF-74 series and (d) (FeMnCe)-MOF-74 series.



Fig. S15 XRD patterns of the $FeMn_6Ce_{0.5}$ -MOF-74/NF after the OER and HER for 24 h electrolysis process.



Fig. S16 (a) XPS survey spectrum for $FeMn_6Ce_{0.5}$ -MOF-74/NF before and after OER stability test. XPS analyses of Fe 2p (b), Mn 2p (c) and Ce 3d (d) before and after OER stability test.

In Fig. S16, showed the high-resolution Fe 2p, Mn 2p, and Ce 3d XPS spectra for FeMn₆Ce_{0.5}-MOF-74/NF before and after the OER stability test. Fe 2p spectrum in FeMn₆Ce_{0.5}-MOF-74/NF shows two pairs of peaks 712.3 eV (Fe 2p_{3/2}), 725.3 eV (Fe 2p_{1/2}) for Fe³⁺ and 710.3 eV (Fe 2p_{3/2}), 723.6 eV (Fe 2p_{1/2}) for Fe²⁺, and two satellite peaks 718.0 eV and 731.7 eV.^{S1-3} In the high-resolution Mn 2p region of FeMn₆Ce_{0.5}-MOF-74/NF, two main peaks centered at 642.4 eV (Mn 2p_{3/2}) and 653.5 eV (Mn 2p_{1/2}) with one satellite peaks. It could be deconvoluted to four characteristic peaks at 641.4 eV and 653.0 eV could be assigned to Mn²⁺ and those at 653.7 eV with 642.9 eV correspond to the Mn³⁺ species.^{S4-6} The binding energies 645.6eV satellite peaks also correspond to Mn²⁺. Moreover, in the 3d Ce spectrum, the two peaks that appeared at 882.0 eV and 901.4 eV are assigned to $3d_{5/2}$ and $3d_{3/2}$ of Ce³⁺, respectively. Then it had peaks at 898.1 eV, 915.8 eV, and 879.0 eV corresponding to Ce $3d_{3/2}$ and Ce $3d_{5/2}$ of Ce⁴⁺. In addition, 885.6 eV and 904.4 eV were two satellite peaks.^{S7-9}

		Mass%			Atom%		
	Fe	Mn	Ce	Fe	Mn	Ce	
FeMn ₆ Ce _{0.5}	3.7	5.8	3.3	0.0661	0.1055	0.0235	
FeMn ₆ Ce ₁	2.9	4.7	3.6	0.0512	0.0861	0.0258	
FeMn6Ce2	2.5	5.3	8.9	0.0450	0.0966	0.0639	

Table S1. Content of four metal species in $FeMn_6Ce_{0.5}$ -MOF-74、 $FeMn_6Ce_1$ -MOF-74 and $FeMn_6Ce_2$ -MOF-74 by ICP-OES tests

Catalyst	Overpotential (mV@mA cm ⁻²)	Electrolyte	Ref
CoNi-MOF-74	300@100	0.1 M KOH	60
Co _{0.6} Fe _{0.4} -MOF-74	280@10	1.0 M KOH	46
Co ₃ O ₄ @MOF-74	285@50	1.0 M KOH	61
FeMn-MOF/NF(1:1)	290@50	1.0 M KOH	62
Ni _{0.5} Co _{1.5} - bpy(PyM)	256@10	1.0 M KOH	25
Br-Ni-MOF(A)	306@10	1.0 M KOH	20
NiFe(20Ni)-MOF/NFF	297@100	1.0 M KOH	63
Co ₃ Cu-Ni ₂ MOFs	288@10	1.0 M KOH	64
S/N-CMF@FexCoyNi1-x-y-MOF	296 @10	1.0 M KOH	11
Mn-MOF/NF	280@20	0.1 M KOH	30
FeCoNi MOF/NF	267@10	1.0 M KOH	65
CdFe-MOF	290@100	1.0 M KOH	66
FeMn ₆ Ce _{0.5} -MOF-74/NF	281@100	1.0 M KOH	This work

Table S2. The comparison of the OER activities of FeMn₆Ce_{0.5}-MOF-74/NF and other recently reported MOF-based catalysts.

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