

## Supporting Information

### A native frustrated Lewis pairs on core-shell In@InO<sub>x</sub>H<sub>y</sub> enhances CO<sub>2</sub>-to-formate conversion

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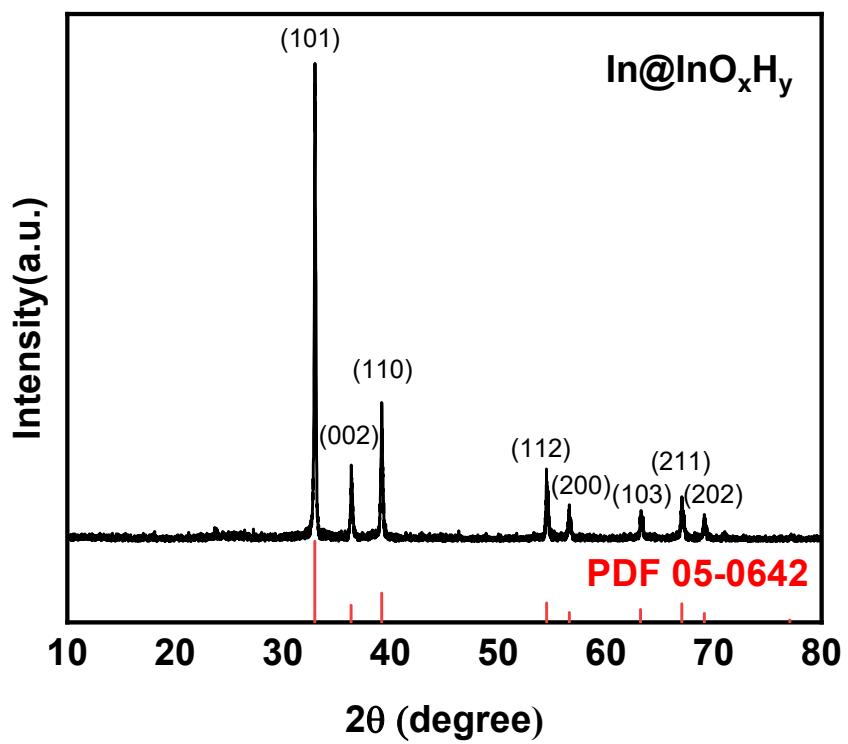
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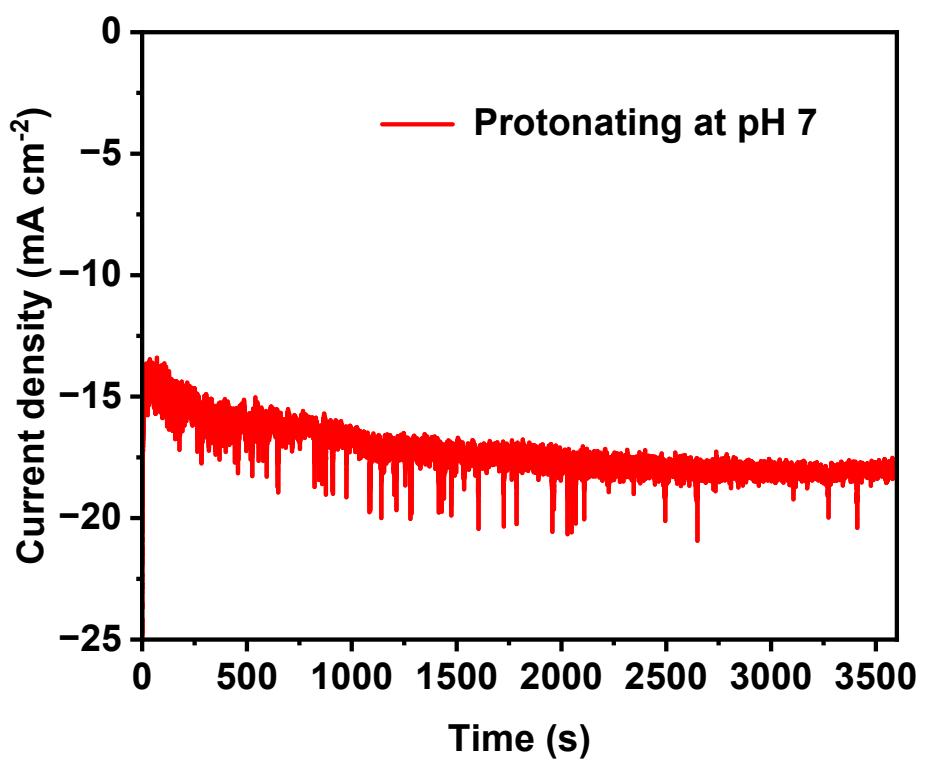
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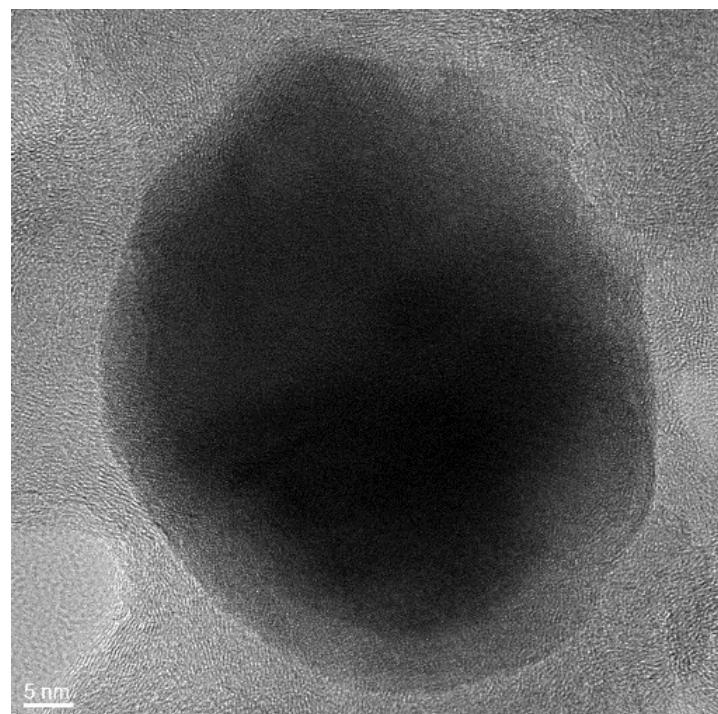
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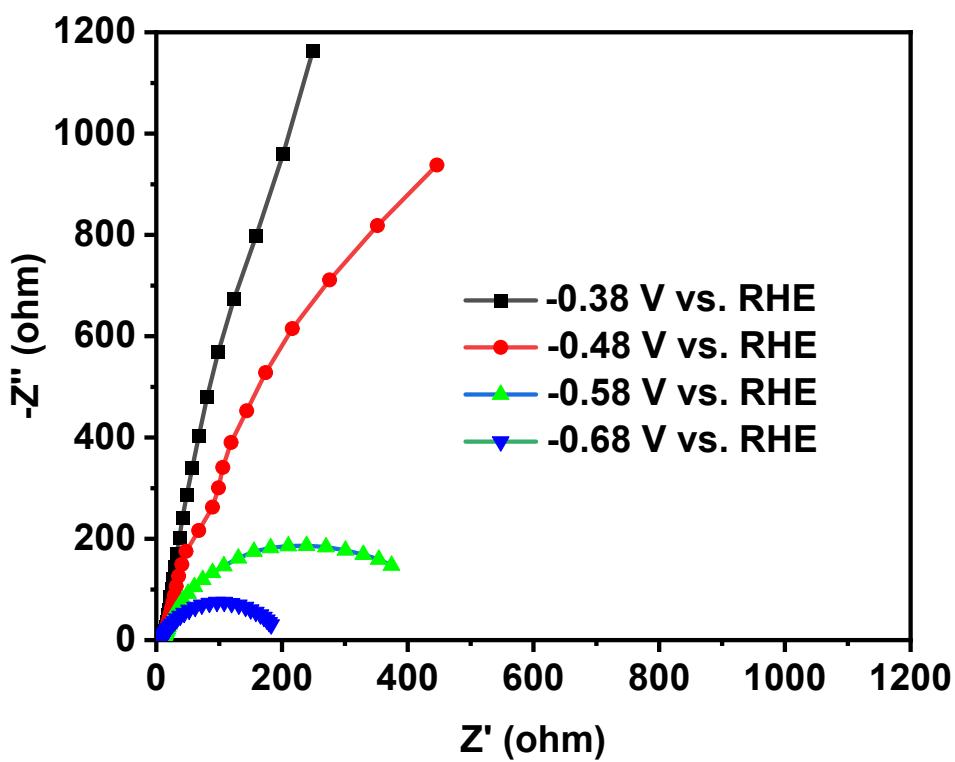
**Figure S1.** XRD pattern for of  $\text{In}@\text{InO}_x\text{H}_y$ .



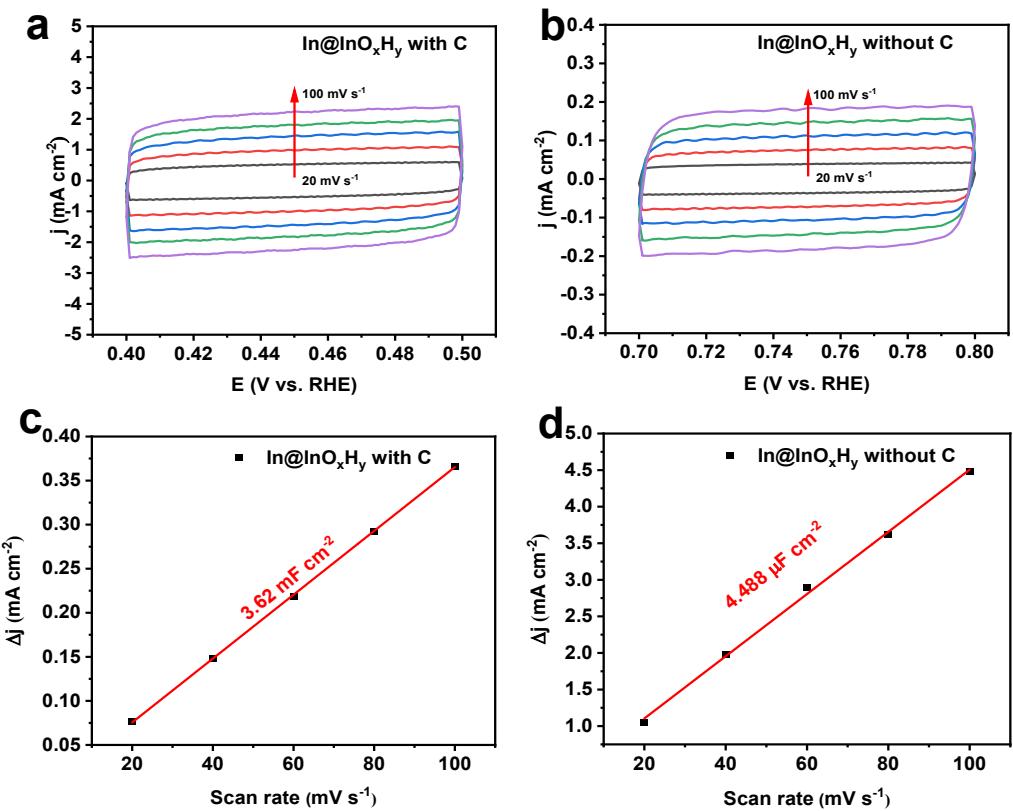
**Figure S2.** Activation curve of  $\text{In}@\text{InO}_x\text{H}_y$  electrode in  $\text{CO}_2$ -saturated 0.5 M  $\text{KHCO}_3$  electrolyte.



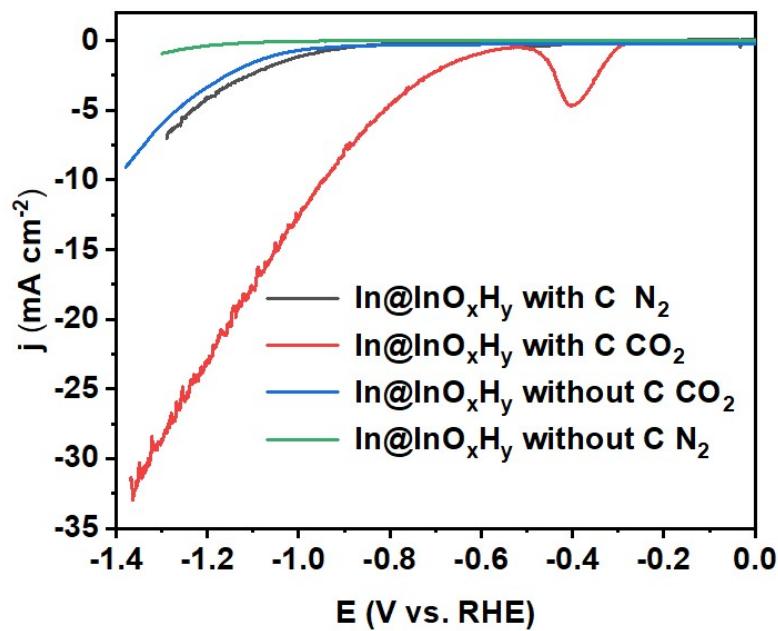
**Figure S3.** HRTEM images of  $\text{In}@\text{InO}_x\text{H}_y$  after  $\text{CO}_2\text{RR}$ .



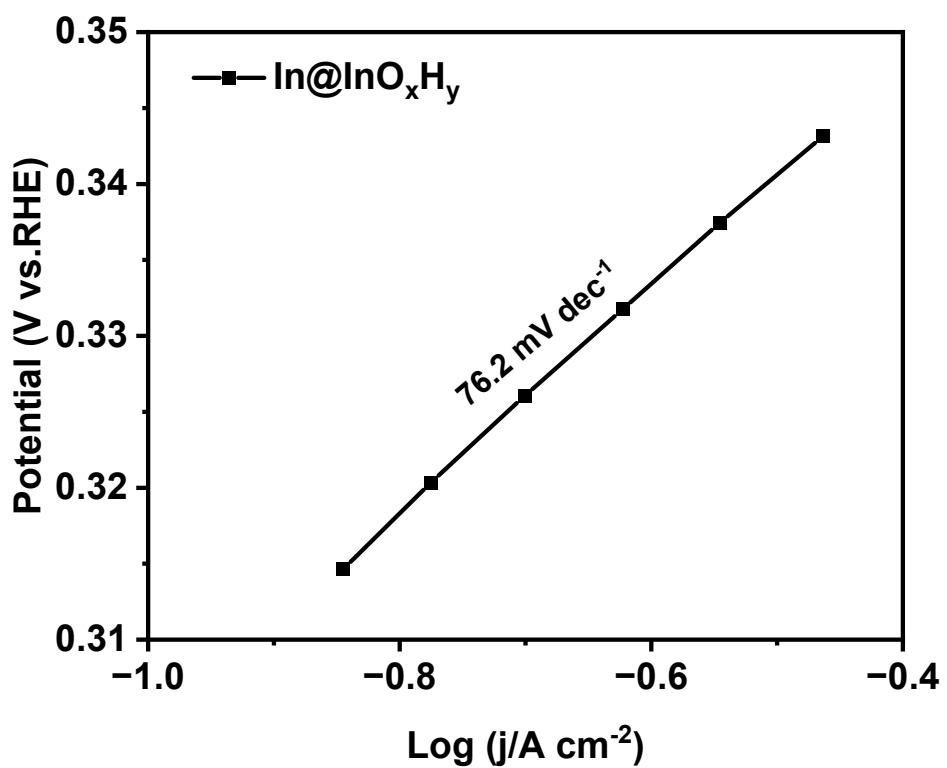
**Figure S4.** Potential-dependent EIS spectra of the In@InO<sub>x</sub>H<sub>y</sub> electrode when potentials varied from -0.38 V to -0.68 V vs. RHE in CO<sub>2</sub>-saturated 0.5 M KHCO<sub>3</sub> electrolyte.



**Figure S5.** (a) Cyclic voltammetry scanning curve of  $\text{In}@\text{InO}_x\text{H}_y$  electrode with C and (b)  $\text{In}@\text{InO}_x\text{H}_y$  electrode without C, the scanning speed range is 20~100  $\text{mV s}^{-1}$  (c) The functional relationship between the charging current density difference and the scanning speed of  $\text{In}@\text{InO}_x\text{H}_y$  electrode with C and (d)  $\text{In}@\text{InO}_x\text{H}_y$  electrode without C, the slope is the capacitance value of the electric double layer.



**Figure S6.** LSV curves of In@InO<sub>x</sub>H<sub>y</sub> with and without C in N<sub>2</sub>- or CO<sub>2</sub>-saturated 0.5 M KHCO<sub>3</sub> at the rate of 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S7.** Tafel plots of In@InO<sub>x</sub>H<sub>y</sub> in CO<sub>2</sub>-saturated 0.5 M KHCO<sub>3</sub> electrolyte.