## **Supplementary Information**

## Preparation of Fe-BN-C catalyst on the base of ZIF-8 and its

## performance for oxygen reduction reaction

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| re-biv-C-20, re-biv-C-40 and re-biv-C-80. |       |            |            |            |            |  |  |  |
|---|-------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|--|--|
|   | BN-C  | Fe-BN-C-10 | Fe-BN-C-20 | Fe-BN-C-40 | Fe-BN-C-80 |  |  |  |
| BET surface<br>area (m² g⁻¹)              | 653.4 | 296.4      | 435.8      | 331.5      | 414.2      |  |  |  |
| Average pore<br>diameter (nm)             | 8.29  | 9.62       | 6.96       | 6.47       | 4.00       |  |  |  |

**Table S1** Surface areas and average pore diameters of the BN-C, Fe-BN-C-10, Fe-BN-C-20, Fe-BN-C-40 and Fe-BN-C-80



Fig. S1 The contact angle of Fe-BN-C-20.

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|------------|---------|
| Sample     | Fe wt.% |
| Fe-BN-C-10 | 0.53    |
| Fe-BN-C-20 | 2.53    |
| Fe-BN-C-40 | 2.44    |
| Fe-BN-C-80 | 2.34    |

Table S2 Iron content of the sample Fe-extraction obtained from ICP-MS analysis.



Fig. S2 (a) N 1s XPS spectra of BN-C-10, Fe-BN-C-40 and Fe-BN-C-80. (b) B 1s XPS spectra of BN-C-10, Fe-BN-C-40 and Fe-BN-C-80.



Fig. S3 Fe 2p XPS spectra of (a) Fe-BN-C-10, (b) Fe-BN-C-40, (c) Fe-BN-C-80.



Fig. S4 SEM image of Fe-BN-C-20 catalyst after 36000s stability test at 0.6 V vs. RHE.



Fig. S5 Element mapping of (c) carbon, (d) boron, (e) nitrogen and (f) iron in the

Fe-BN-C-20 sample after stability test.

 Table S3 The quantitative elemental compositions of the Fe-BN-C-20 sample before

 and after stability test.

| Sample                     | Fe wt.% | B wt.% | C wt.% | N wt.% | 0 wt.% |  |  |
|----------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|
| Before stability testing   | 1.99    | 9.30   | 79.08  | 2.01   | 7.63   |  |  |
| After stability<br>testing | 1.72    | 6.01   | 81.8   | 1.70   | 8.76   |  |  |