## **Supplementary Information**

## Oriented lateral growth of monolayer MoS<sub>2</sub> mediated by highly-oriented MoO<sub>2</sub> nanorods on sapphire

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TMDs	Growth substrate	E <sup>1</sup> <sub>2g</sub> FWHM(cm <sup>-1</sup> )	A <sub>1g</sub> FWHM (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Reference
MoS <sub>2</sub>	sapphire	4.2	4.9	This work
$MoS_2$	sapphire	$4.2 \pm 0.2$	$5.0 \pm 0.2$	1
$MoS_2$	sapphire	$4.0 \pm 0.3$	4.2	2
$MoS_2$	SiO <sub>2</sub> /Si	4.1	4.5	3
$MoS_2$	sapphire	$4.4\pm0.3$	$4.8\pm0.2$	4
$MoS_2$	sapphire	$4.6 \pm 0.2$	$5.1 \pm 0.3$	5

**Table S1.** A comparison of Raman characteristic peaks FWHMs of monolayer HO-MSin this work with previous reports.

By estimating the reported graphs, the previously reported FWHMs with an error range was obtained.

TMDs	Growth substrate	Temperature(K)	PL FWHM (meV)	Reference
MoS <sub>2</sub>	sapphire	Rt.	56	This work
$MoS_2$	sapphire	Rt.	58	2
MoS <sub>2</sub>	SiO <sub>2</sub> /Si	Rt.	55	3
MoS <sub>2</sub>	sapphire	Rt.	56	4
MoS <sub>2</sub>	SiO <sub>2</sub> /Si	80	55	6
MoS <sub>2</sub>	sapphire	Rt.	57	7

**Table S2.** A comparison of PL FWHMs of monolayer HO-MS in this work with previous reports.

By estimating the reported graphs, the previously reported FWHMs with an error range was obtained. Rt. represents room temperature.



Figure S1. XPS results of HO-MS. (a) High-resolution spectrum of the Mo 3d peaks.(b) High-resolution spectrum of the S 2p peaks.





**Figure S3.** TEM image of  $MoO_2$  nanorod. The two insets correspond to an enlarged TEM image and FFT pattern of the boxed area.

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