

Supporting Information

CDs "inserted" abundant FeB based electrode *via* "local photothermal effect" strategy toward efficient overall seawater splitting

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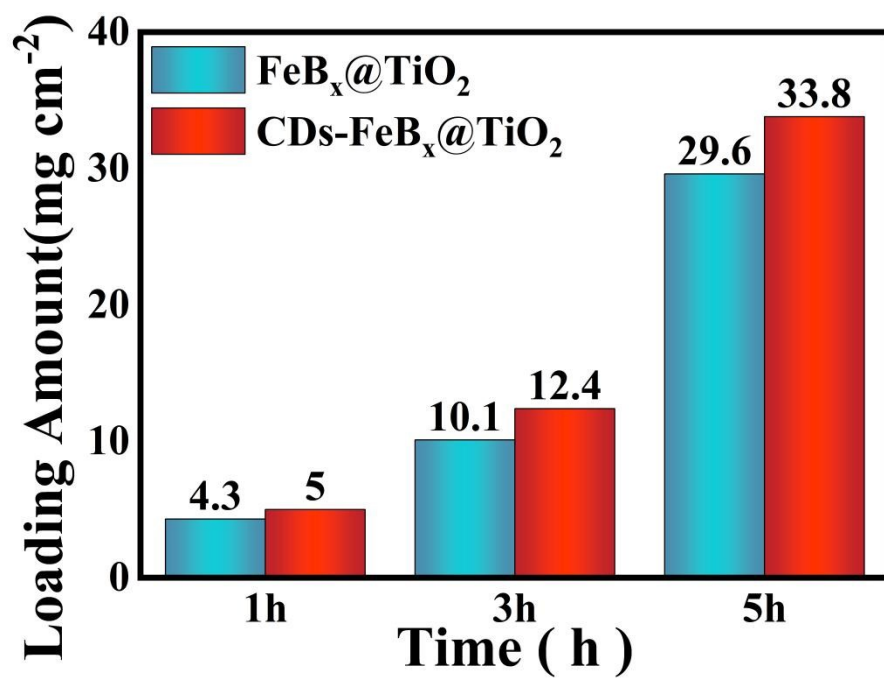


Figure S1. $\text{FeB}_x@\text{TiO}_2$ and $\text{CDs-FeB}_x@\text{TiO}_2$ electrodes are electroless plated for 1h, 3h, and 5h, respectively.

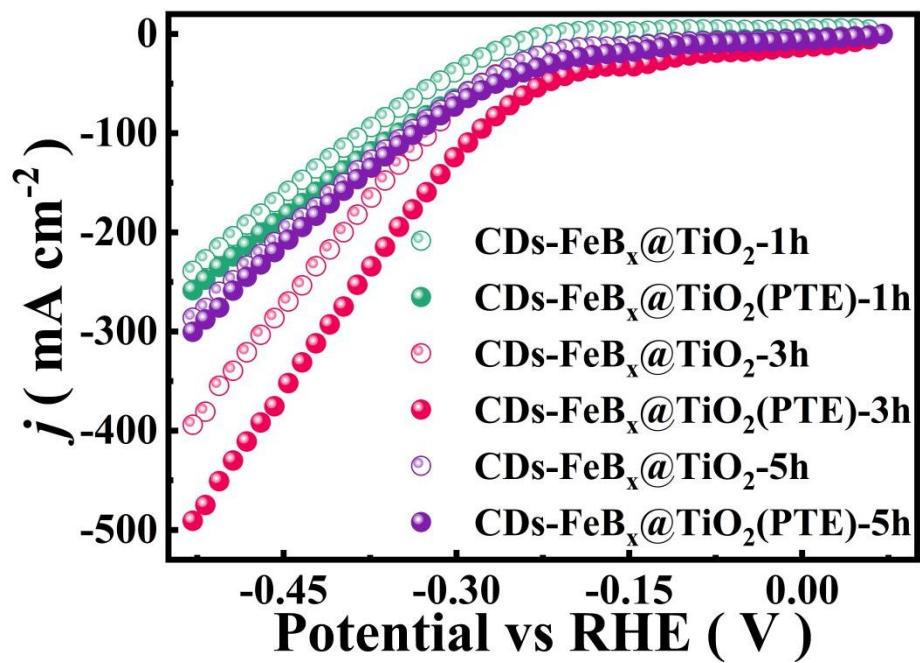


Figure S2. LSV curves of CDs-FeB_x@TiO₂ electrode with different electroless plating (EP) time during HER process.

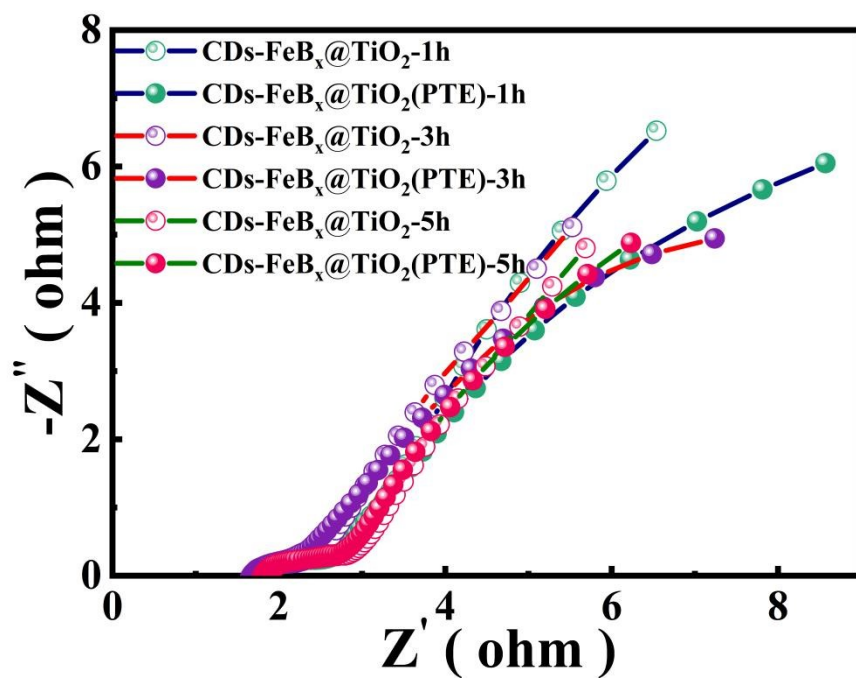


Figure S3. EIS measurements of CDs-FeB_x@TiO₂ with different EP time during HER process.

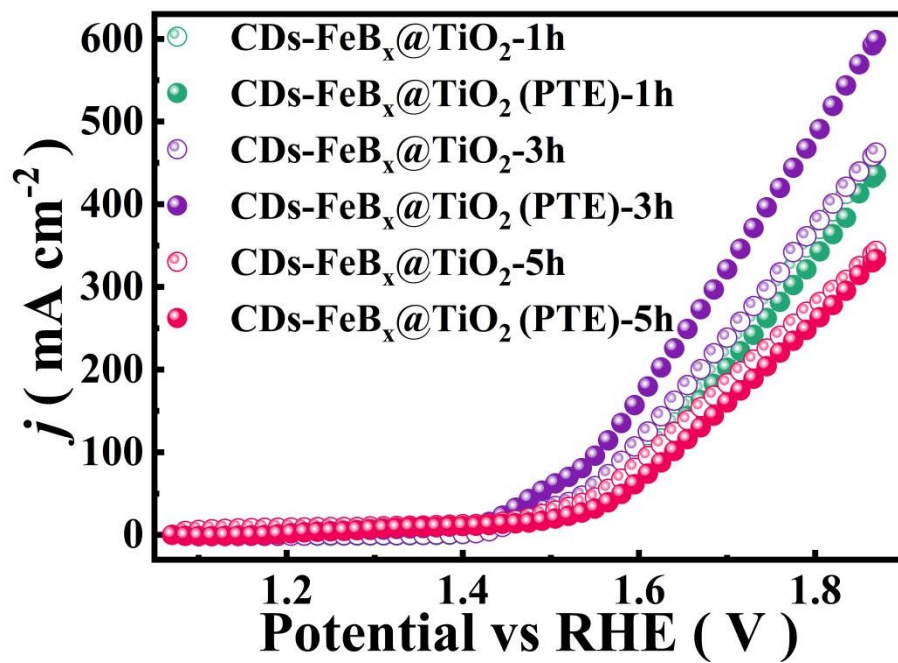


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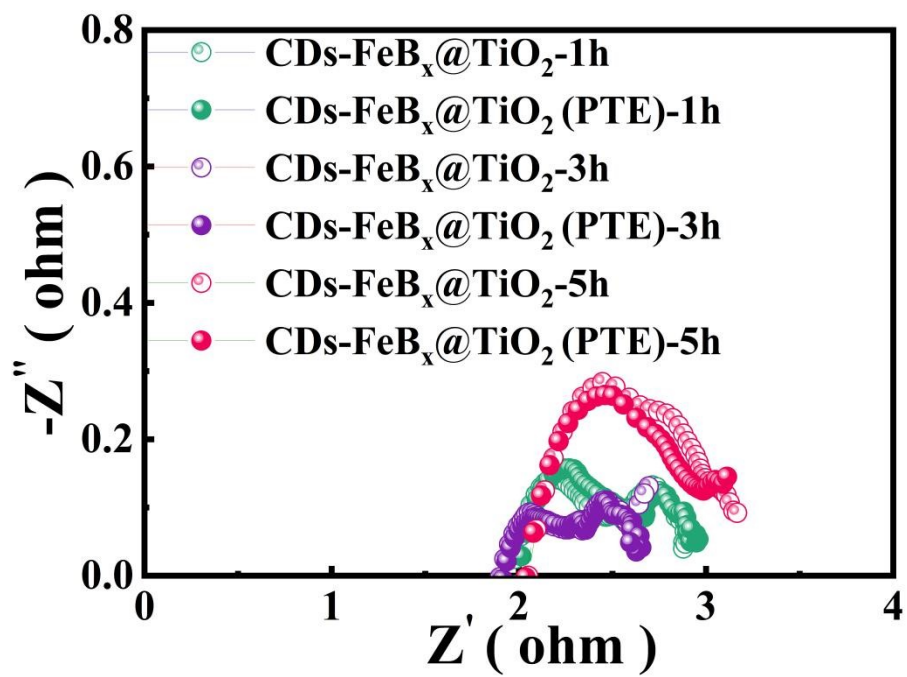


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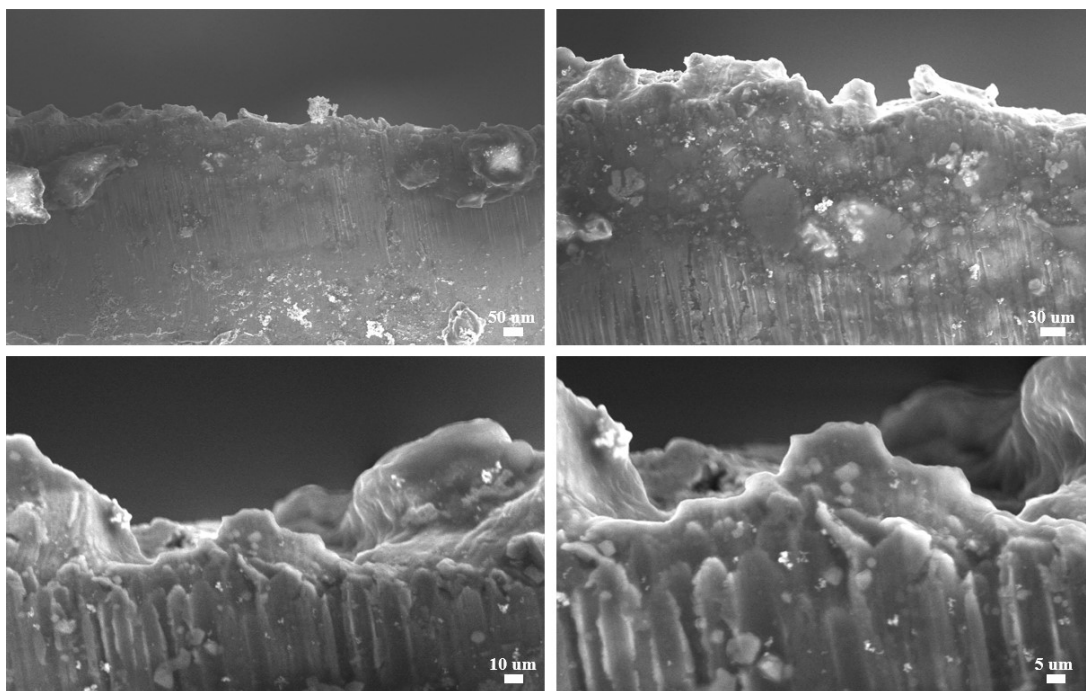


Figure S6. Cross-section SEM of CDs-FeB_x@TiO₂ at 50 μm, 30 μm, 10 μm, 5 μm, respectively.

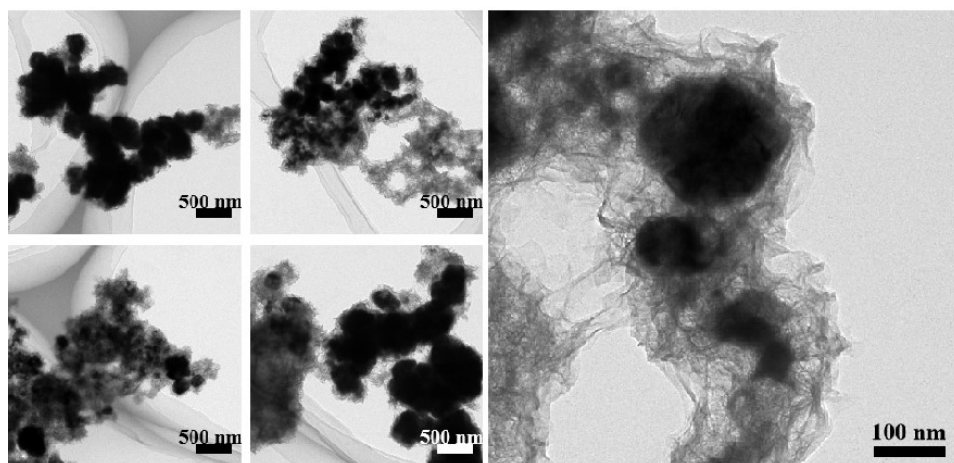


Figure S7. CDs-FeB_x@TiO₂ transmission electron microscopy at 500 nm, 100 nm, respectively.

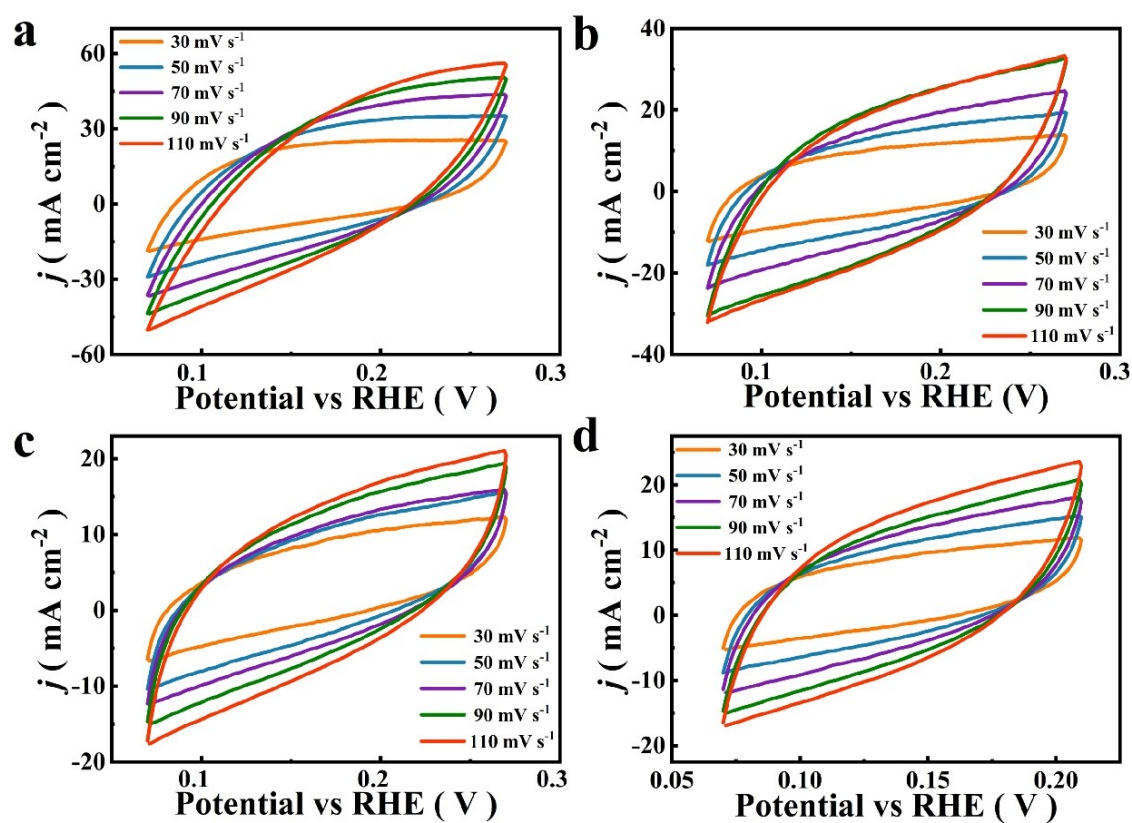


Figure S8. CV curves within a non-faradaic reaction region of 0.05~0.40 V (vs. RHE) at different scan rates toward HER for (a) CDs-FeB_x@TiO₂ PTE; (b) CDs-FeB_x@TiO₂; (c) FeB_x@TiO₂ PTE (d) FeB_x@TiO₂.

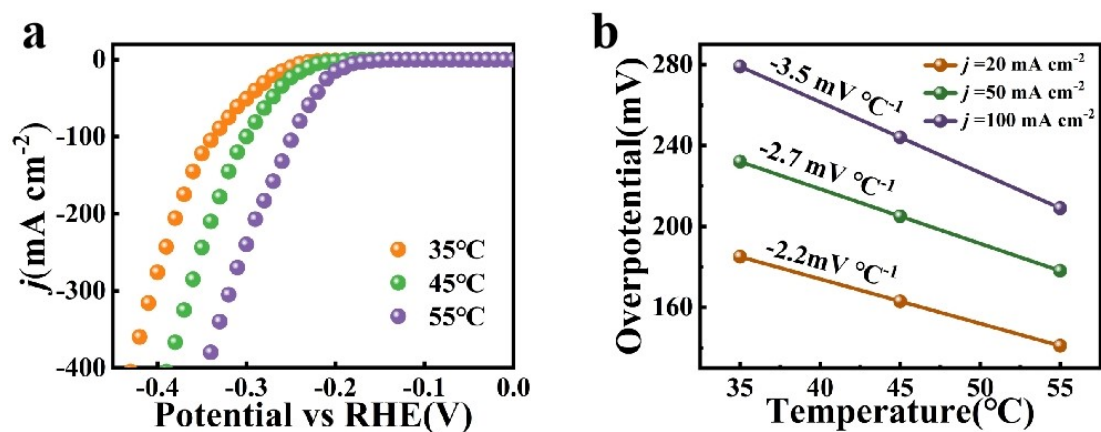


Figure S9. (a) Temperature-dependent LSV curves of CDs-FeB_x@TiO₂ PEE in 1M KOH + 0.5M NaCl by heating the temperature of electrolyte during HER process; (b) fitted curves of the relationships between overpotential and temperature at $j=20, 50, 100 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$, respectively.

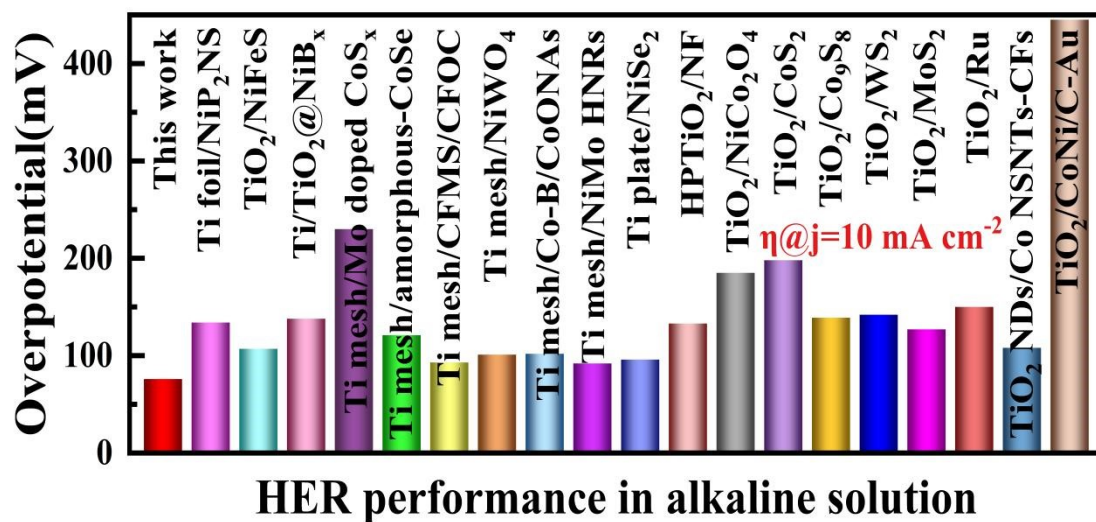


Figure S10. The HER performance of CDs-FeB_x@TiO₂ and state-of-the-art transition metal-based bifunctional electrocatalysts was compared.

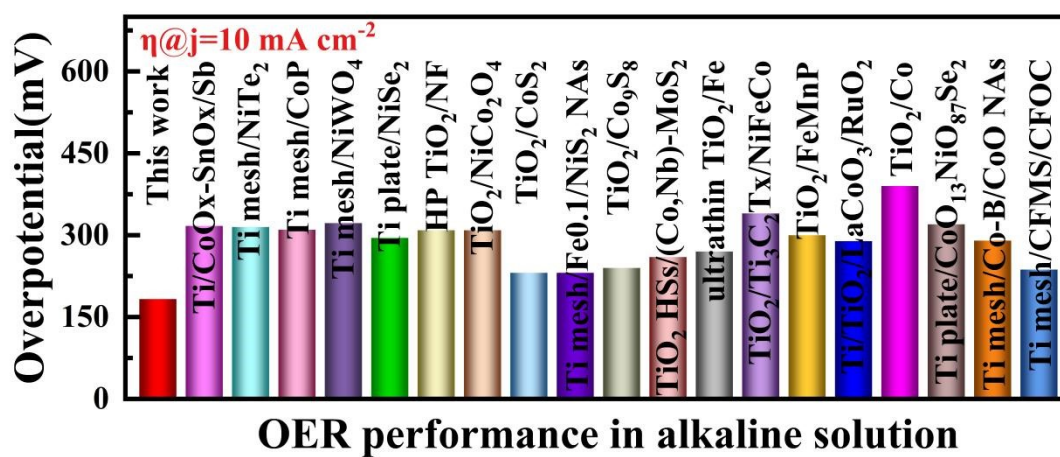


Figure S11. The OER performance of CDs-FeB_x@TiO₂ and state-of-the-art transition metal-based bifunctional electrocatalysts was compared.

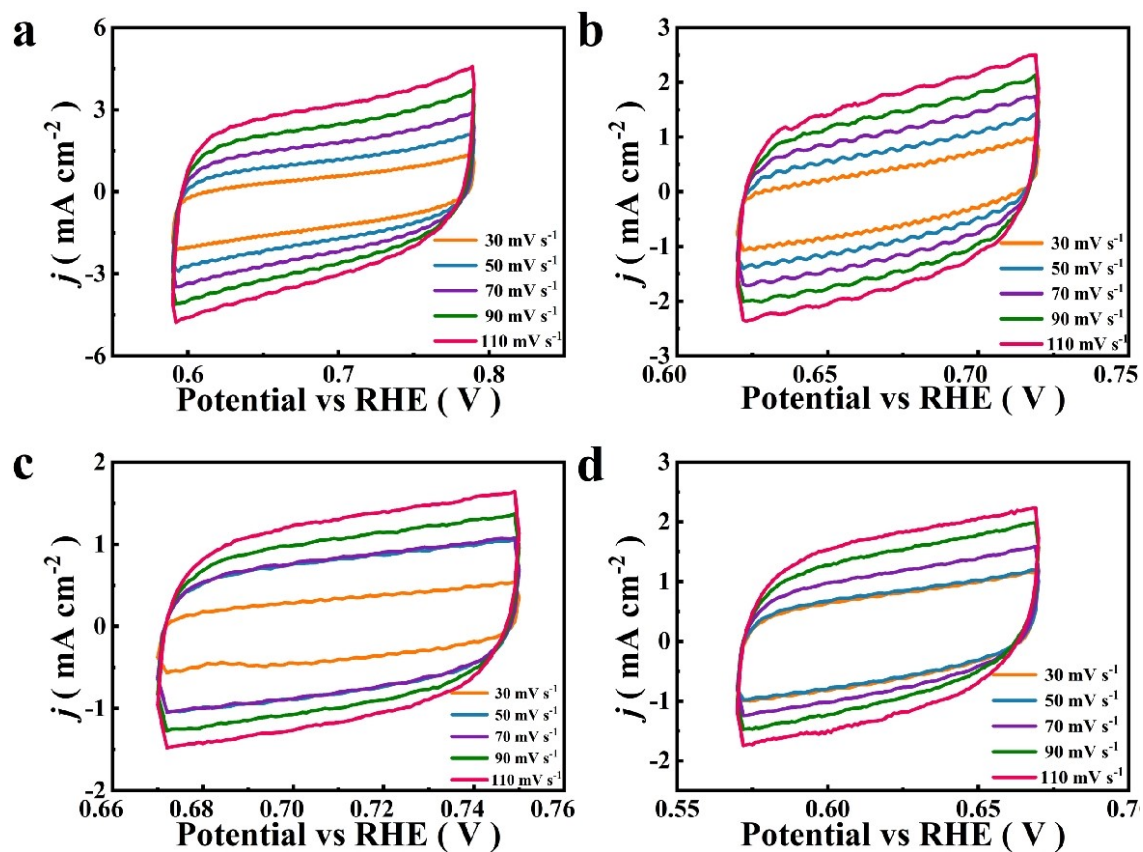


Figure S12. CV curves within a non-faradaic reaction region of 0.05~0.40 V (vs. RHE) at different scan rates toward OER for (a) CDs-FeB_x@TiO₂ PTE; (b) CDs-FeB_x@TiO₂; (c) FeB_x@TiO₂ PTE (d) FeB_x@TiO₂.

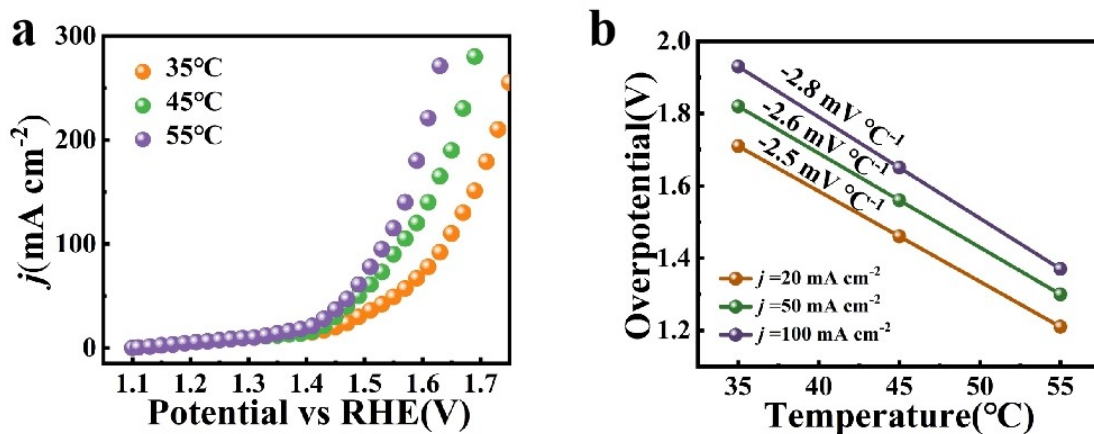


Figure S13. (a) Temperature-dependent LSV curves of CDs-FeB_x@TiO₂ PEE in 1M KOH + 0.5M NaCl by heating the temperature of electrolyte during OER process; (b) fitted curves of the relationships between overpotential and temperature at $j=20, 50, 100$ mA cm⁻², respectively.

Supporting Tables

Table S1. Comparison of HER overpotential of electrodes in 1.0 M KOH+0.5 M NaCl.

Electrode material	$\eta_{10}(\text{mV})$	$\eta_{50}(\text{mV})$	$\eta_{100}(\text{mV})$
CDs-FeB _x @TiO ₂ 1h	250	398	381
CDs-FeB _x @TiO ₂ 1h (PTE)	135	277	351
CDs-FeB _x @TiO ₂ 3h	76	245	324
CDs-FeB _x @TiO ₂ 3h (PTE)	56	223	282
CDs-FeB _x @TiO ₂ 5h	128	278	343
CDs-FeB _x @TiO ₂ 5h (PTE)	93	266	336

Table S2. Comparison of OER overpotential of electrodes in 1.0 M KOH+0.5 M

NaCl.

Electrode material	$\eta_{10}(\text{mV})$	$\eta_{50}(\text{mV})$	$\eta_{100}(\text{mV})$
CDs-FeB _x @TiO ₂ 1h	236	337	382
CDs-FeB _x @TiO ₂ 1h (PTE)	224	330	377
CDs-FeB _x @TiO ₂ 3h	187	309	359
CDs-FeB _x @TiO ₂ 3h (PTE)	183	254	324
CDs-FeB _x @TiO ₂ 5h	207	237	304
CDs-FeB _x @TiO ₂ 5h (PTE)	199	221	282

Table S3. HER overpotential of electrodes in 1.0 M KOH+0.5 M NaCl.

Electrode material	$\eta_{10}(\text{mV})$	$\eta_{50}(\text{mV})$	$\eta_{100}(\text{mV})$
Pt/C@TiO ₂	397	0	0
TiO ₂ (PTE)	374	0	0
FeB _x @TiO ₂ 3h	103	225	342
FeB _x @TiO ₂ 3h (PTE)	93	203	325
CDs-FeB _x @TiO ₂ 3h	76	179	313
CDs-FeB _x @TiO ₂ 3h (PTE)	56	156	286

Table S4. OER overpotential of electrodes in 1.0 M KOH+0.5 M NaCl.

Electrode material	$\eta_{10}(\text{mV})$	$\eta_{50}(\text{mV})$	$\eta_{100}(\text{mV})$
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Pt/C@TiO ₂	0	0	0
TiO ₂ (PTE)	614	0	0
FeB _x @TiO ₂ 3h	249	298	395
FeB _x @TiO ₂ 3h (PTE)	216	273	357
CDs-FeB _x @TiO ₂ 3h	187	223	337
CDs-FeB _x @TiO ₂ 3h (PTE)	183	215	316

Table S5. Comparison of HER performance of CDs-FeB_x@TiO₂ electrode with recently reported titanium series catalysts in 1.0 M KOH+0.5 M NaCl.

Catalysts	Electrode	$\eta_{10}(\text{mV})$	Reference
CDs-FeB _x @TiO ₂	1M KOH + 0.5M NaCl	56	This work
Ti foil/NiP ₂ NS	1M KOH	134	S1
TiO ₂ /NiFeS	1M KOH	107	S2
Ti/TiO ₂ @NiB _x	1M KOH	138	S3
Ti mesh/Mo doped CoS _x	1M KOH	230	S4
Ti mesh/amorphous-CoSe	1M KOH	121	S5
Ti mesh/CFMS/CFOC	1M KOH	93	S6
Ti mesh/NiWO ₄	1M KOH	101	S7
Ti mesh/Co-B/CoONAs	1M KOH	102	S8
Ti mesh/NiMo HNRs	1M KOH	92	S9
Ti plate/NiSe ₂	1M KOH	96	S10
HPTiO ₂ /NF	1M KOH	133	S11
TiO ₂ /NiCo ₂ O ₄	1M KOH	185	S12
TiO ₂ /CoS ₂	1M KOH	198	S13
TiO ₂ /Co ₉ S ₈	1M KOH	139	S14
TiO ₂ /WS ₂	1M KOH	142	S15
TiO ₂ /MoS ₂	1M KOH	127	S16
TiO ₂ /Ru	1M KOH	150	S17
TiO ₂ NDs/Co NSNTs-CFs	1M KOH	108	S18
TiO ₂ /CoNi/C-Au	1M KOH	445	S19

Table S6. Comparison of OER performance of CDs-FeB_x@TiO₂ electrode with recently reported titanium series catalysts of electrodes in 1.0 M KOH+0.5 M NaCl.

Catalysts	Electrode	$\eta_{10}(\text{mV})$	Reference
CDs-FeB _x @TiO ₂	1M KOH + 0.5M NaCl	183	This work

Ti/CoO _x -SnO _x /Sb	1M KOH	317	S20
Ti mesh/NiTe ₂	1M KOH	315	S21
Ti mesh/CoP	1M KOH	310	S22
Ti mesh/NiWO ₄	1M KOH	322	S7
Ti plate/NiSe ₂	1M KOH	295	S10
HP TiO ₂ /NF	1M KOH	309	S11
TiO ₂ /NiCo ₂ O ₄	1M KOH	309	S12
TiO ₂ /CoS ₂	1M KOH	231	S13
Ti mesh/Fe _{0.1} /NiS ₂ NAs	1M KOH	230	S23
TiO ₂ /Co ₉ S ₈	1M KOH	240	S14
TiO ₂ HS ₈ /(Co,Nb)-MoS ₂	1M KOH	260	S24
ultrathin TiO ₂ /Fe	1M KOH	270	S25
TiO ₂ /Ti ₃ C ₂ Tx/NiFeCo-LDH	1M KOH	340	S26
TiO ₂ /FeMnP	1M KOH	300	S27
Ti/TiO ₂ /LaCoO ₃ /RuO ₂	1M KOH	289	S28
TiO ₂ /Co	1M KOH	390	S29
Ti plate/CoO ₁₃ NiO ₈₇ Se ₂	1M KOH	320	S30
Ti mesh/Co-B/CoO NAs	1M KOH	290	S8
Ti mesh/CFMS/CFOC	1M KOH	237	S6

Table S7. Comparison of OWS performance of CDs-FeB_x@TiO₂ electrode with recently reported bifunctional catalysts in 1.0 M KOH+0.5 M NaCl.

Catalysts	Electrode	Potential(V) (<i>j</i> =10mA cm ⁻²)	Reference
CDs-FeB _x @TiO ₂	1M KOH + 0.5M NaCl	1.42	This work
NF-Ni ₃ S ₂ /MnO ₂	1M KOH	1.52	S31
NF-C/CoS/NiOOH	1M KOH	1.71	S32

CoFe/NF	1M KOH	1.64	S33
CoFeZr oxides/NF	1M KOH	1.63	S34
HOF-Co _{0.5} Fe _{0.5} /NF	1M KOH	1.63	S35
Fe-Ni ₂ P@PC/Cu _x S	1M KOH	1.62	S36
NF/T(Ni ₃ S ₂ /MnS-O)	1M KOH	1.54	S37
FeB ₂ /NF	1M KOH	1.57	S38
NiFeO _x @NiCu	1M KOH	1.67	S39
CuFe ₂ O ₄	1M KOH	1.62	S40
Co-Cu-W	1M KOH	1.8	S41
Co@N-CNT/NF	1M KOH	1.58	S42
LIA-Ni-BDC	1M KOH	1.6	S43
NCMC/NCMC	1M KOH	1.63	S44
NiFe-MS/MOF@NF	1M KOH	1.74	S45
Co-Mo-P@NCNS	1M KOH	1.58	S46
NiFe-P@GNS	1M KOH	1.58	S47
PtCo@NC//RuCo@NC	1M KOH	1.52	S48
CoP@FeCoP/NC USMPPs	1M KOH	1.68	S49

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