

## Supporting Information

### Pushing the limits of the layers: Completely delaminated $\alpha$ -Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub> – an enhanced electrocatalyst for OER

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Binding Energy (eV)	Oxidation state
855.4	Ni <sup>2+</sup>
873	Ni <sup>2+</sup>
857.2	Ni <sup>3+</sup>
232.4	Mo <sup>6+</sup>
235.5	Mo <sup>6+</sup>
231.7	Mo <sup>5+</sup>
234.8	Mo <sup>5+</sup>
780.5	Co <sup>2+</sup>
788.8	Co <sup>2+</sup>
803.2	Co <sup>2+</sup>
779.8	Co <sup>3+</sup>
795.7	Co <sup>3+</sup>
796.6	Co <sup>2+</sup>

Table S1 XPS binding energy values

S.No	Catalyst	Overpotential (mV)	Tafel (mV dec-1)	Cdl (mF cm-2)	Stability (h)	Medium	Ref
1	NMC-6	240@ $\eta_{10}$	55	14	100	1M KOH	This work
2	NiFe/NiO	245@ $\eta_{10}$	25.7	14.54	30	1M KOH	<sup>1</sup>
3	$\alpha$ -LHs	468@ $\eta_{10}$	138	34.8	22	1M KOH	<sup>2</sup>
4	Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub> -NP	260@ $\eta_{10}$	78.6	3.74	10	1M KOH	<sup>3</sup>
5	Fe <sup>3+</sup> co-decorating Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub> /NiOOH (Pi-Fe:NiOH)	118@ $\eta_{10}$	52	34.2	500	1M KOH	<sup>4</sup>
6	LaFe <sub>0.8</sub> Co <sub>0.2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub>	329@ $\eta_{10}$	95	7.055	24	1M KOH	<sup>5</sup>
7	Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub> /NF	172@ $\eta_{10}$	150	71	24	1M KOH	<sup>6</sup>
8	Ni/Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub>	400@ $\eta_{10}$	85	-	32	1M KOH	<sup>7</sup>
9	NiCoFe LDH/MoO <sub>3</sub>	270@ $\eta_{10}$	73	0.46	70	1M KOH	<sup>8</sup>
10	FeCoNi-MoO <sub>4</sub>	204@ $\eta_{10}$	50.6	43.8	48	1M KOH	<sup>9</sup>
11	NiMo-Fe	217@ $\eta_{10}$	30.05	-	200	1M KOH	<sup>10</sup>

Table S2 Literature comparison of NMC-6

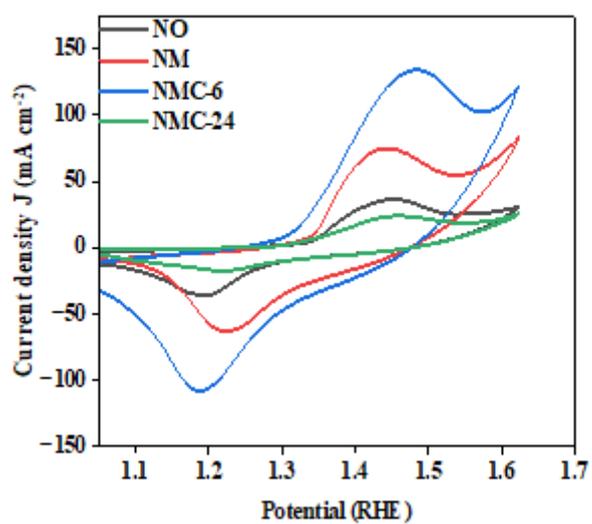


Figure S1 CV of as-synthesized compounds at a scan rate of  $5 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$

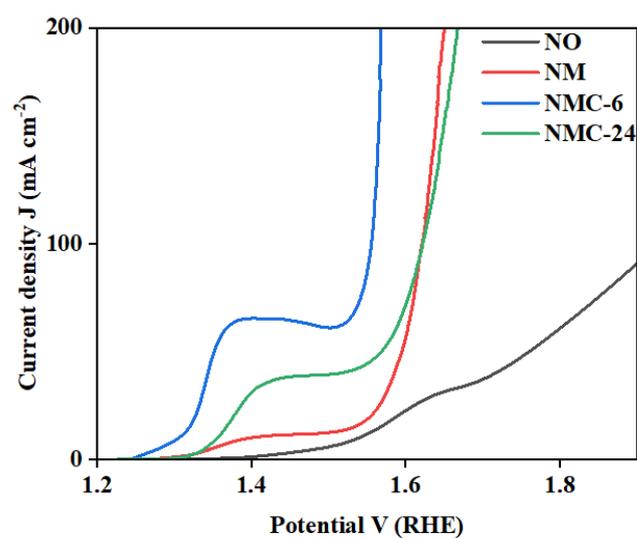


Figure S2 Forward LSV of as-synthesized compounds at a scan rate of  $5 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$

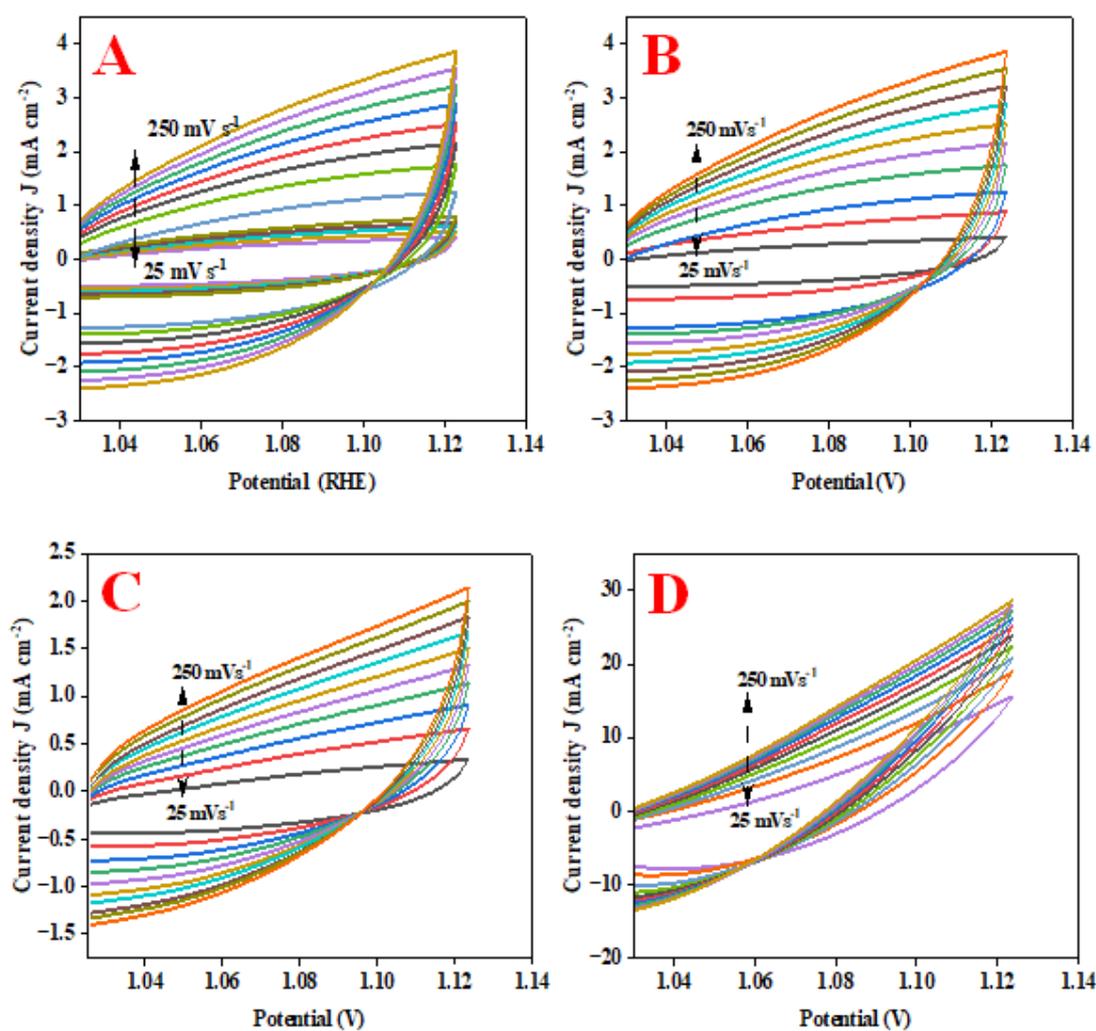
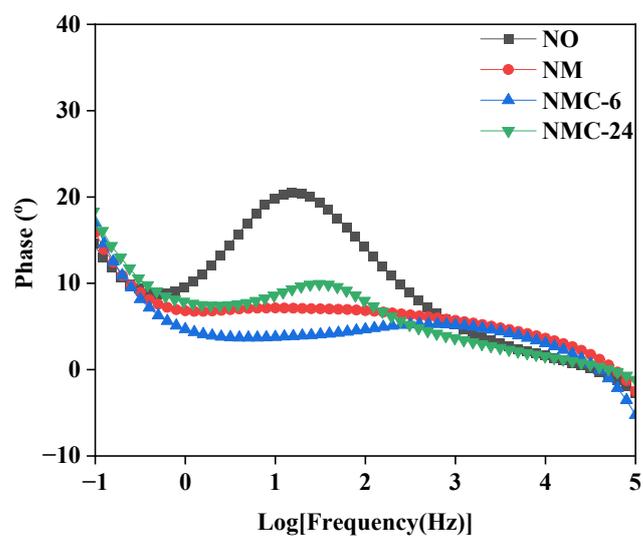
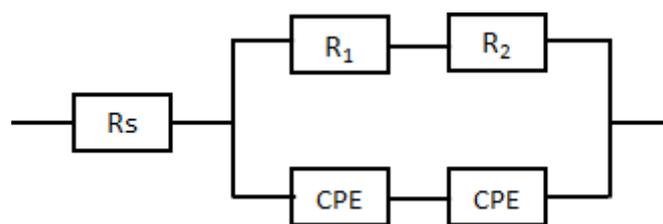


Figure S3 CV at different scan rate under non-faradic region





Samples	$R_s$	$R_{ct}$
NO	1.83	4.5
NM	1.33	1.3
NMC-6	0.313	0.5
NMC-24	0.789	1.9

Figure S4 Bode diagram and Nyquist plot circuit diagram representation of as-synthesized compounds

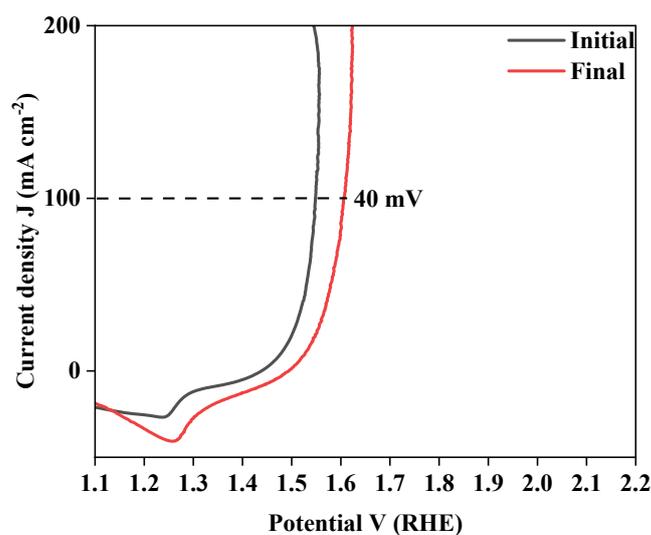
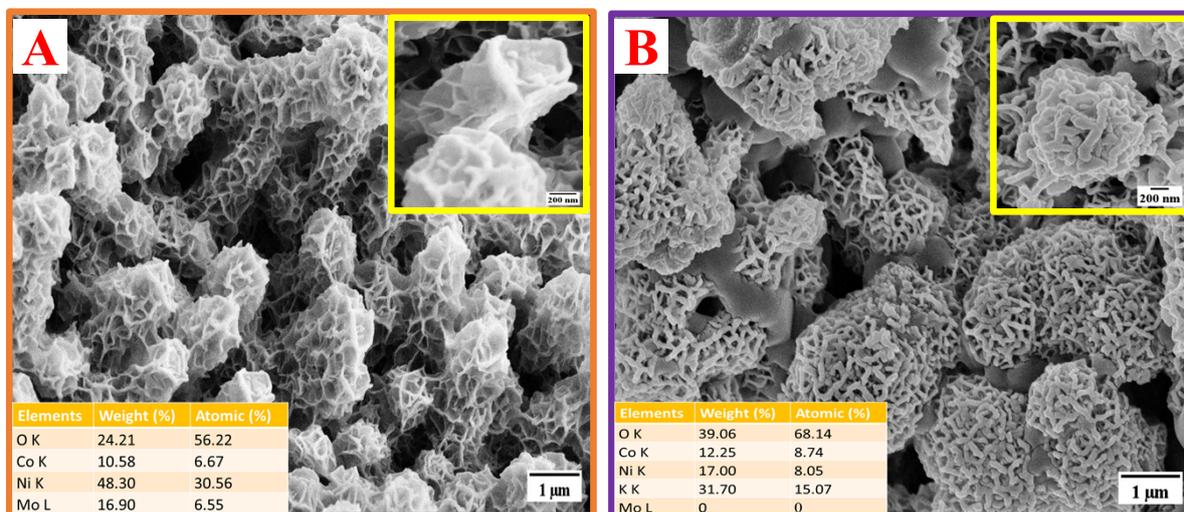


Figure S5 Before (A) and after(B) FESEM and backward LSV image of NMC-6 @ 100 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>

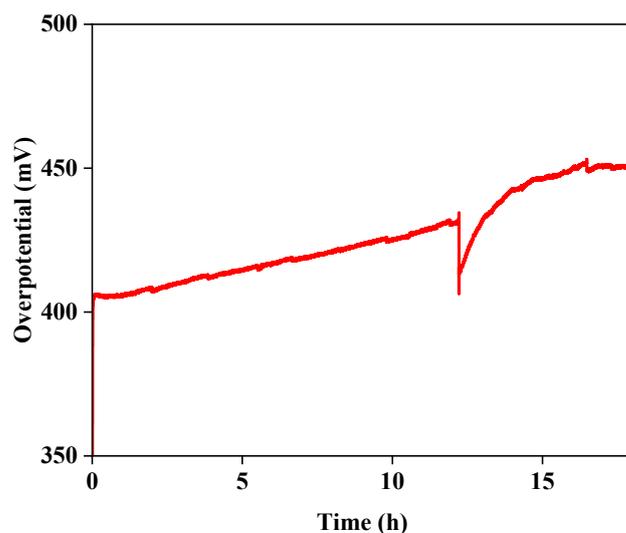


Figure S6 Chrono potentiometry study of NM @ 100 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>

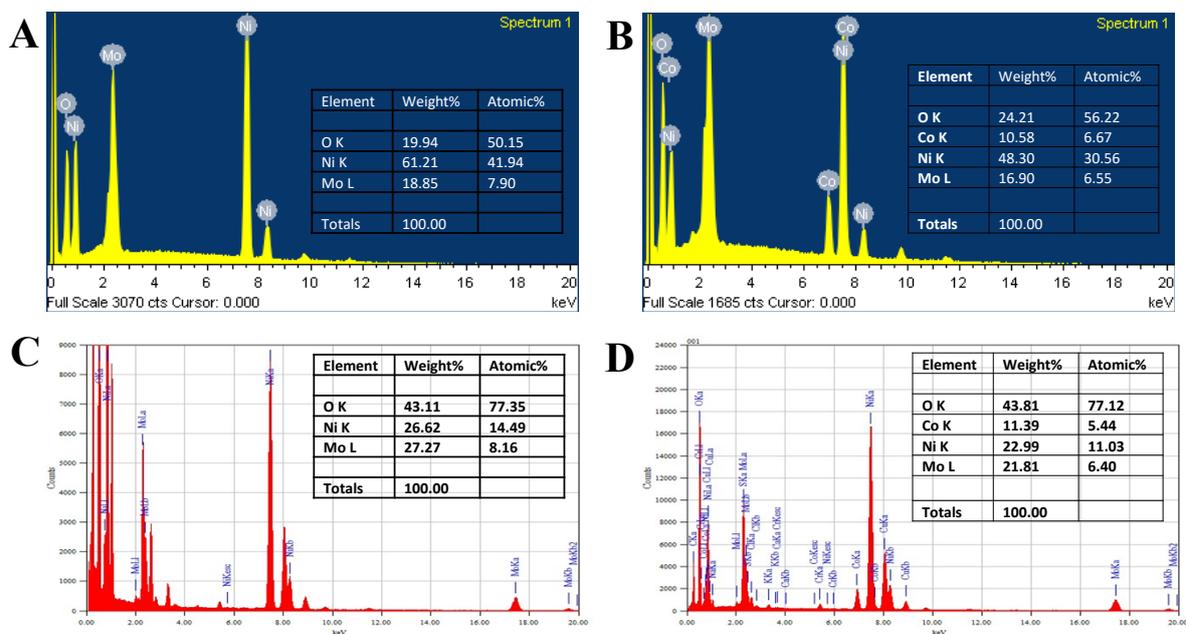


Figure S7 Quantitative results of elemental distribution of sample NM, from FESEM (Figure A) and TEM (Figure C); elemental distribution for sample NMC-6, from FESEM (Figure B) and TEM (Figure D) measurements

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