## Supporting information file

## Vertically aligned 3D core-shell of CuO/ZnCO<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> on flexible support for efficient and scalable electrochemical water splitting

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Fig. S1 (a-d) SEM images of CuO/ZnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@FSSM at different magnifications showing porous nanostructure.



**Fig. S2** SEM and HR-TEM images of CuO, ZnCo2O4, and CuO/ZnCo2O4 at different magnifications showing the core-shell structure of CuO/ZnCo2O4 electrode.



Fig. S3 HR-TEM images of  $CuO/ZnCo_2O_4$  at different magnifications showing the core-shell structure of  $CuO/ZnCo_2O_4$  electrode.



Fig. S4 BET plots of CuO/ZnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and the respective BJH plots (inset).



Fig. S5 Full XPS survey spectrum of CuO/ZnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>



Fig. S6 Long-term stability test of CuO/ZnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@FSSM for 50 h at 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> current density.



Fig. S7 CP test of CuO@FSSM, ZnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@FSSM, and CuO/ZnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@FSSM at 50 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> current density.

**Post-OER Analysis** 



Fig. S8 XRD of CuO/ZnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@FSSM after the long-term stability test@10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> current density after 25 h.



**Fig. S9** (a-b) SEM images obtained at different magnifications from CuO/ZnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@FSSM after the stability test (c) EDS spectrum of CuO/ZnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@FSSM after stability test.



Fig. S10 (a-c) After stability test TEM images of 3-D CuO/ZnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> core-shell network obtained at different magnifications (d-e) HR-TEM images of CuO/ZnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@FSSM core-shell network, (f) SAED pattern.



Fig. S11 Post OER XPS analysis of CuO/ZnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (a) Zn 2p core spectra,(b) Co 2p core spectra, (c) Cu 2p core spectra, (d) O 1s core spectra.