

## Supporting Information for

### Trifunctional noble-metal-free multi-site electrocatalysts based on NiMn-LDH/CuCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>/rGO for energy-saving hydrogen generation via UOR/HER/OER

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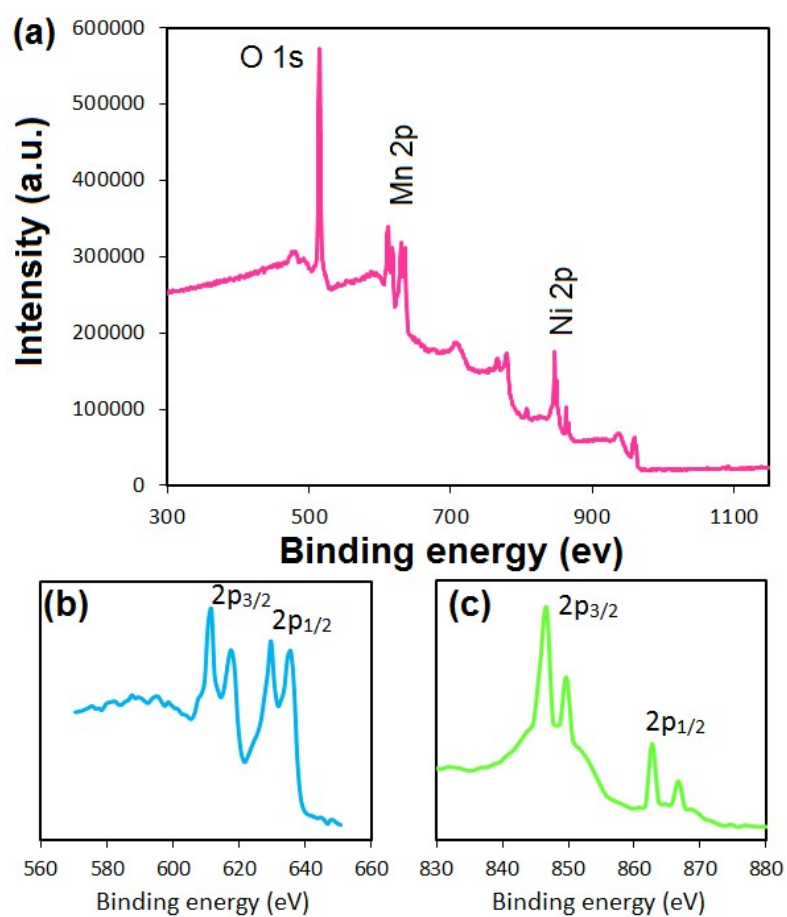
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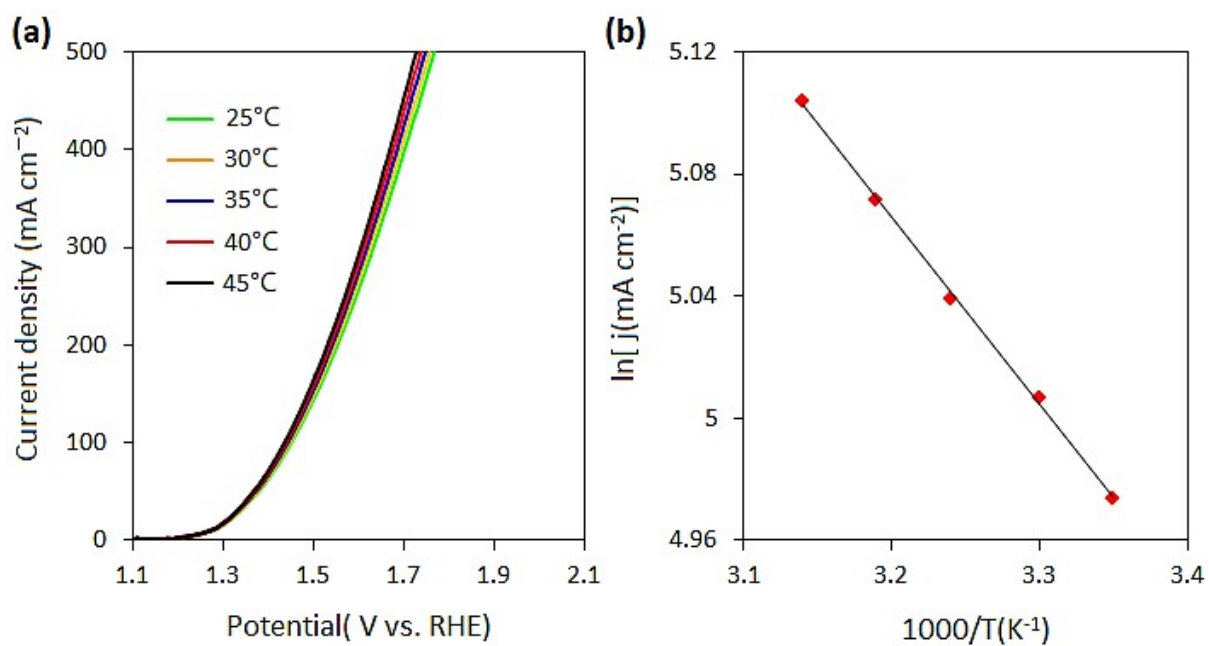
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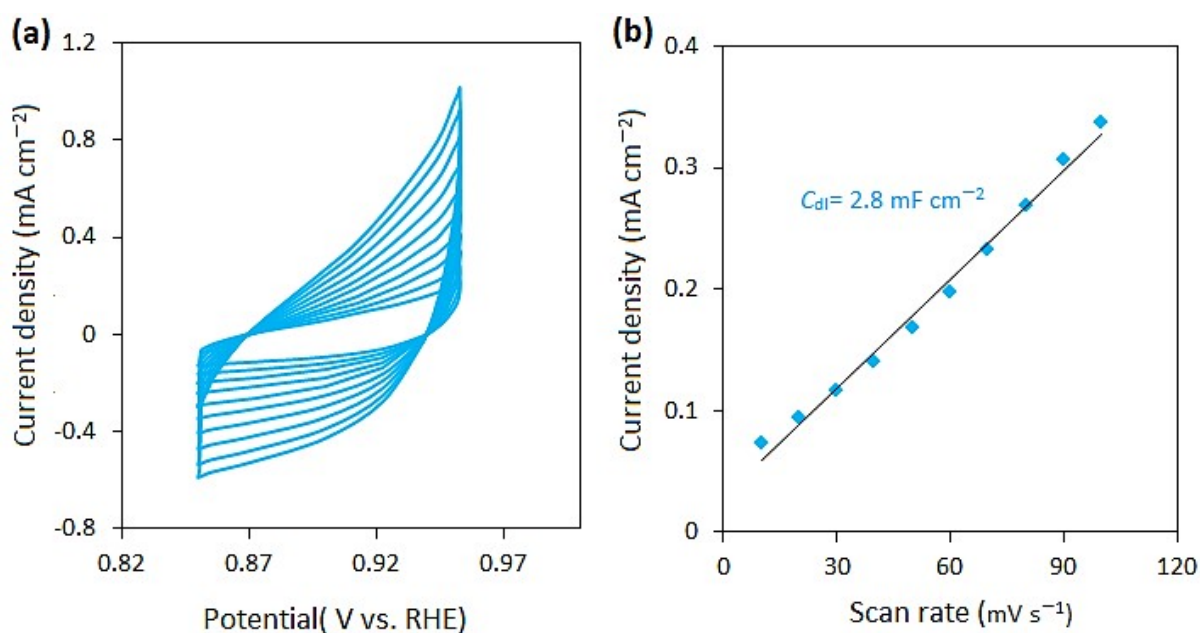
**Characterization techniques:** The powder x-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns were recorded by a Bruker AXS model D8 advance diffractometer in Bragg angle from 5° to 65° with  $\lambda=1.54187$  Å. The field emission scanning electron microscope (FE-SEM) images were performed using a FE-SEM ZEISS Sigma 300. The TEM image was investigated using the TEM Philips EM 208S instrument. To do EDAX analysis JEOL JSM-6380LV scanning electron microscope was applied. The Thermo-Scientific ESCALAB 250Xi was applied to analyze the surface elemental composition.



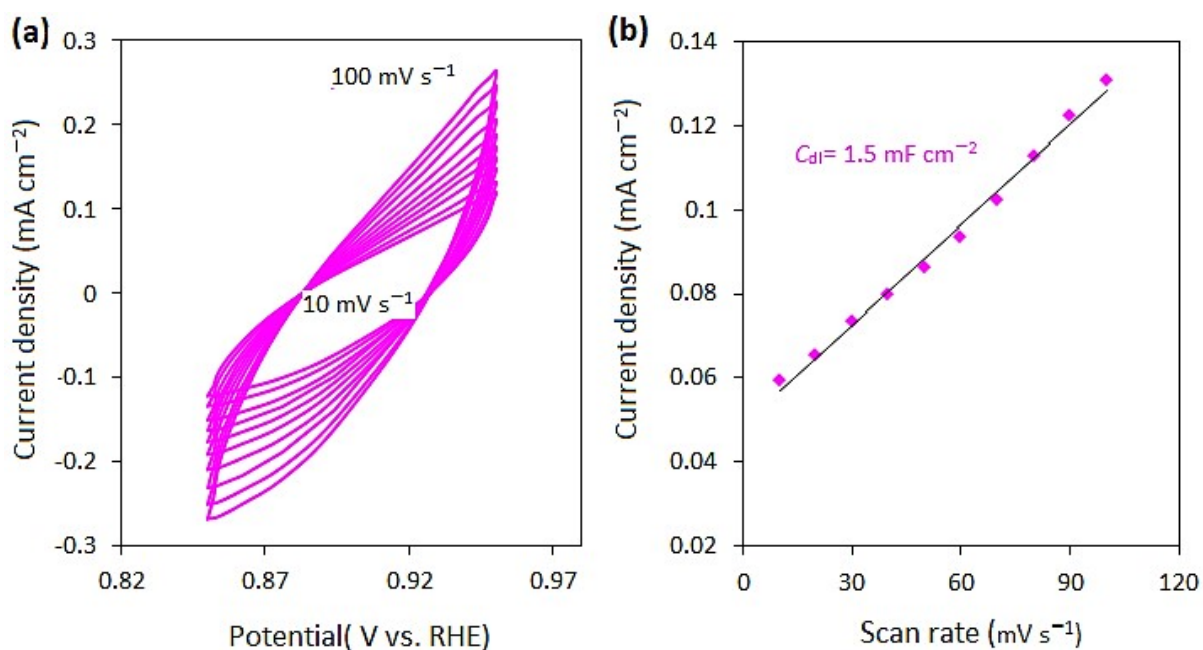
**Figure S1.** XPS survey spectrum of pristine NiMn-LDH (a), high-resolution XPS spectra of Ni 2p (b) and Mn 2p (c).



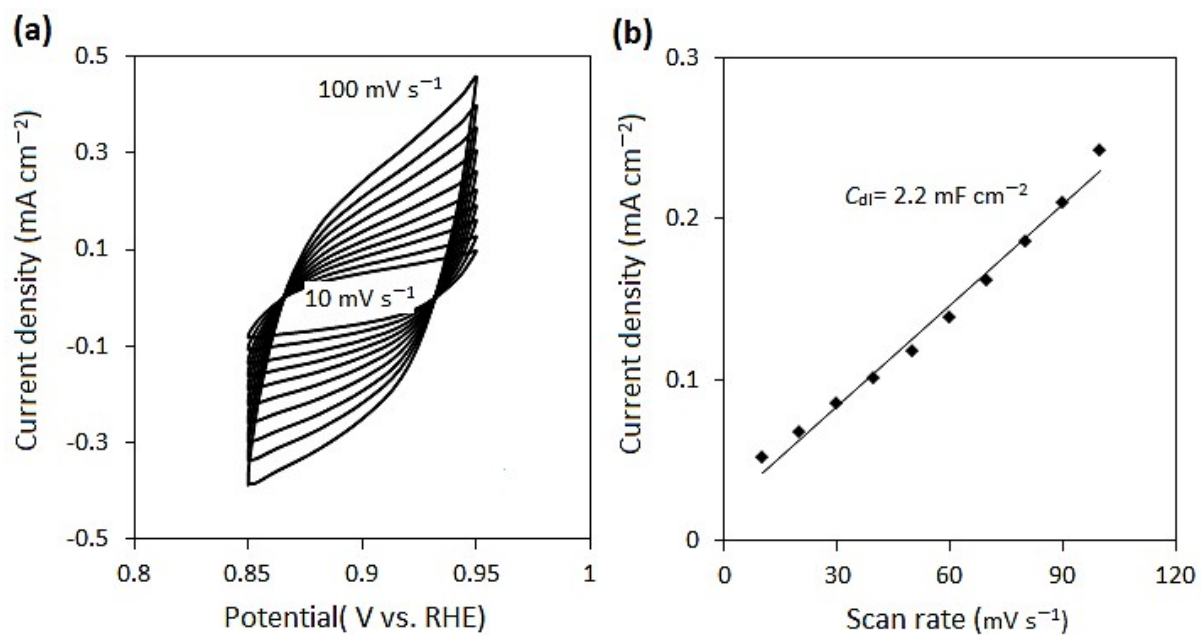
**Figure S2.** LSV curves of rGO/CuCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>/NiMn-LDH at different temperatures, (b) ln[-j]/T liner fitting curves for E<sub>a</sub> in UOR.



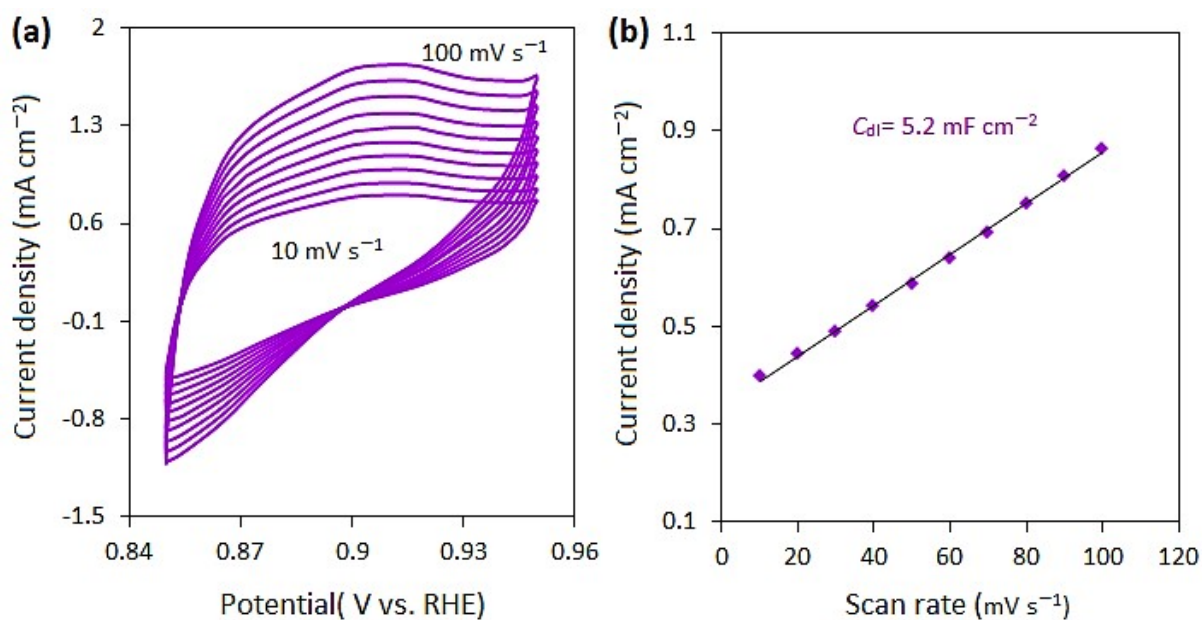
**Figure S3.** (a) CV curves of  $\text{CuCo}_2\text{S}_4$  at different scan rates in UOR condition, (b)  $C_{dl}$  linear fitting curve.



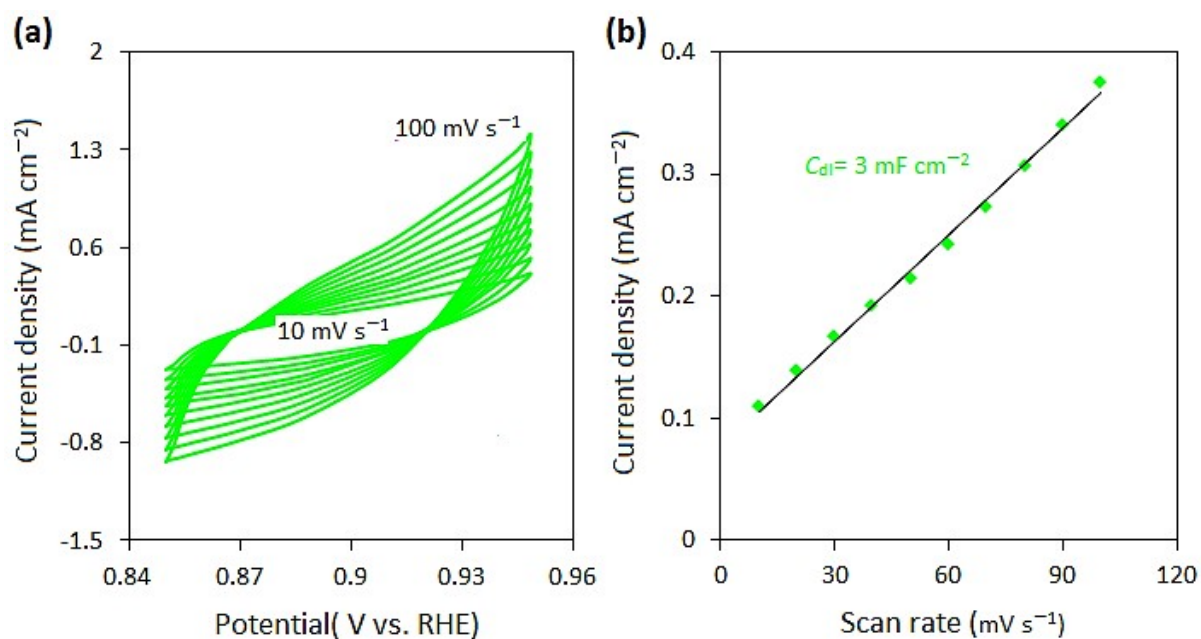
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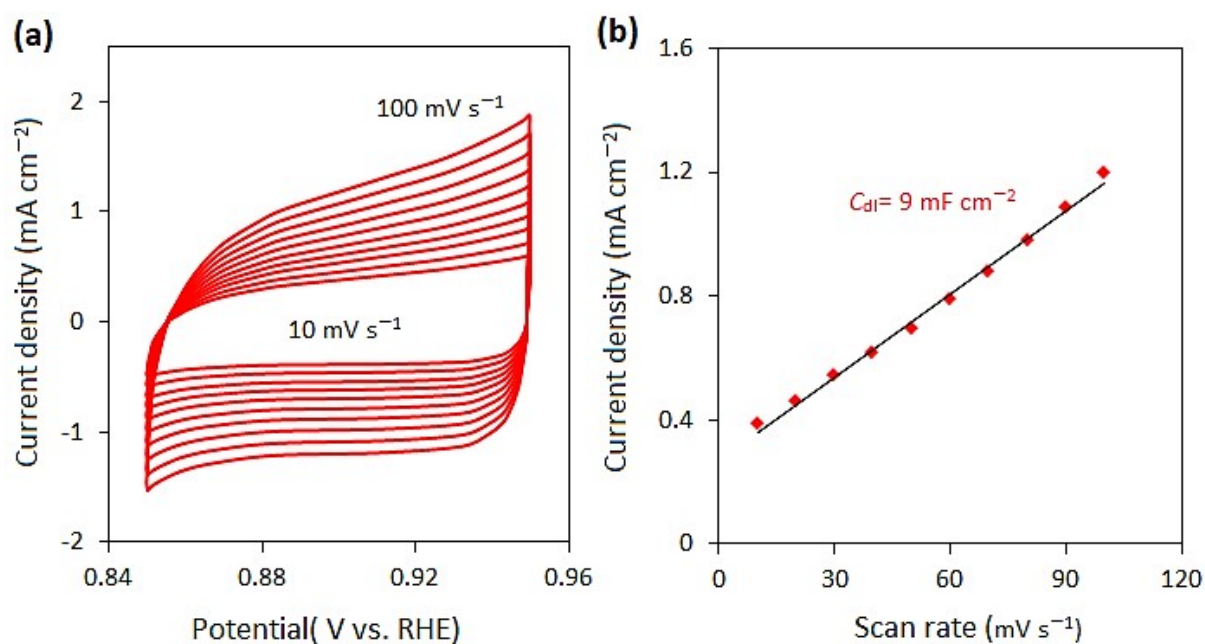
**Figure S5.** (a) CV curves of rGO at different scan rates in UOR condition, (b)  $C_{dl}$  linear fitting curve.



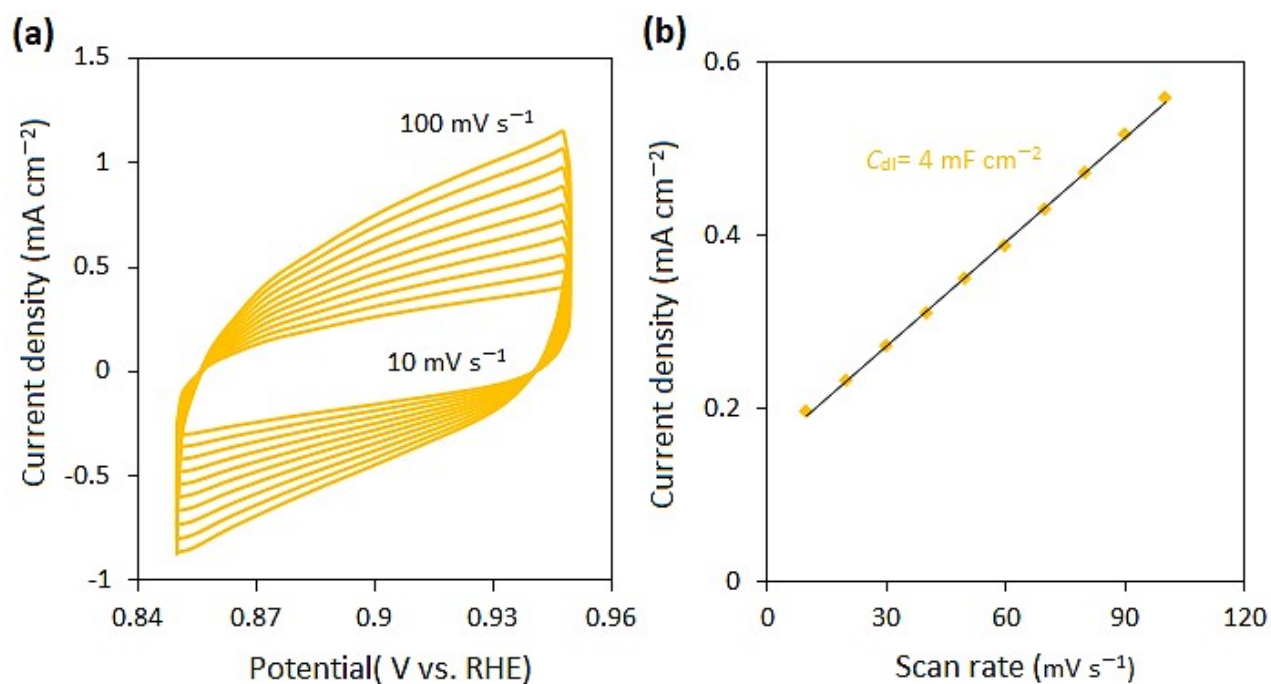
**Figure S6.** (a) CV curves of  $\text{CuCo}_2\text{S}_4/\text{NiMn-LDH}$  at different scan rates in UOR condition, (b)  $C_{dl}$  linear fitting curve.



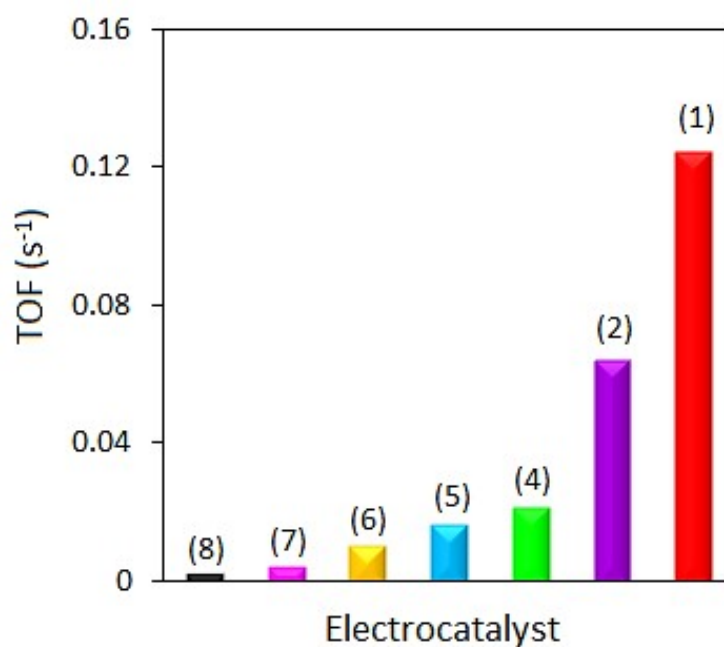
**Figure S7.** (a) CV curves of CuCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>/rGO at different scan rates in UOR condition, (b) C<sub>dl</sub> linear fitting curve.



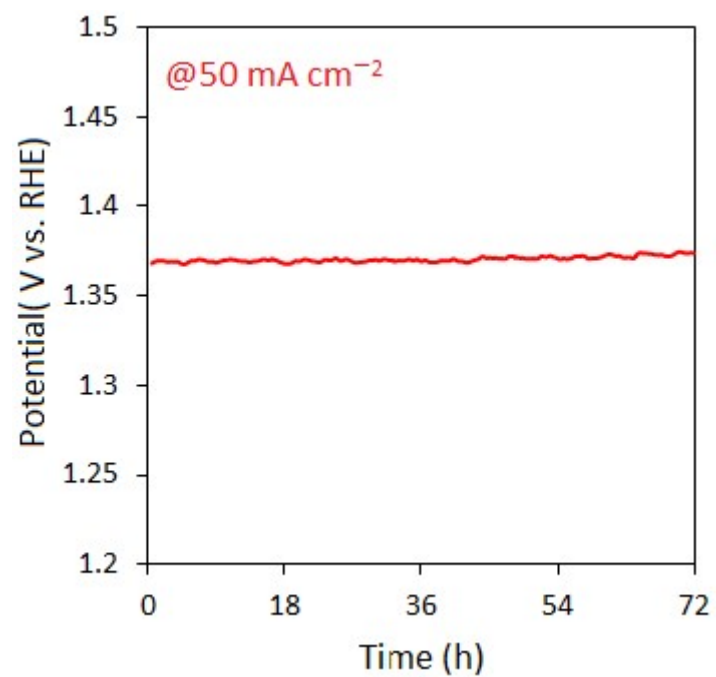
**Figure S8.** (a) CV curves of NiMn-LDH/CuCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>/rGO at different scan rates in UOR condition, (b) C<sub>dl</sub> linear fitting curve.



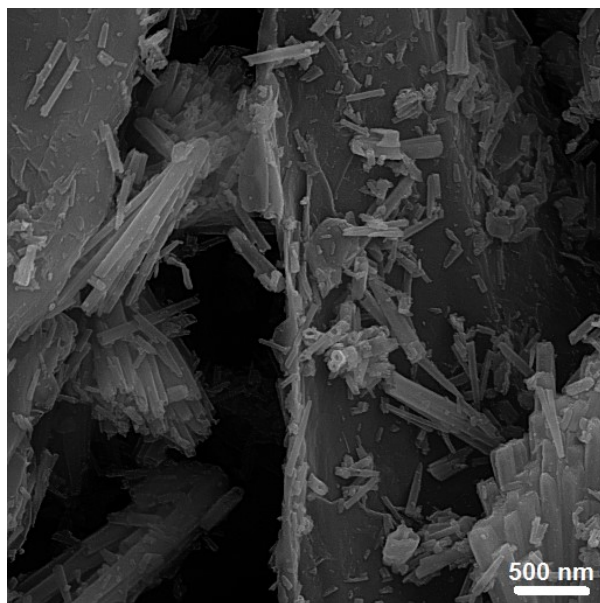
**Figure S9.** (a) CV curves of NiMn-LDH/rGO at different scan rates in UOR condition, (b)  $C_{dl}$  linear fitting curve.



**Figure S10.** TOF amounts of the electrocatalysts: (1) NiMn-LDH/CuCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>/rGO, (2) NiMn-LDH/CuCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, (4) CuCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>/rGO, (5) CuCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, (6) NiMn-LDH/rGO, (7) NiMn-LDH, (8) rGO,



**Figure S11.** chronopotentiometric curve of NiMn-LDH/CuCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>/rGO in long period of time for UOR.



**Figure S12.** FE-SEM image of NiMn-LDH/CuCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>/rGO after UOR tests.

**Table S1.** OER performance of rGO/CuCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>/NiMn-LDH@NF in comparison with literature.

| Electrocatalyst                                   | Overpotential (mV@ 10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> ) | Reference |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| NiMn-LDHs (Br <sup>-</sup> )                      | 240                                         | S1        |
| NiFe LDH/NiS                                      | 230                                         | S2        |
| Ni <sub>3</sub> Fe LDH                            | 249                                         | S3        |
| FeNi LDH/FeNi <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub>         | 259                                         | S4        |
| NiFeCe-LDH                                        | 232                                         | S5        |
| NiFe-LDH                                          | 281                                         | S6        |
| NiFe-LDH/SnS                                      | 310                                         | S7        |
| CoFeP/rGO-2                                       | 275                                         | S8        |
| Fe-doped NiWO <sub>4</sub>                        | 230                                         | S9        |
| NiMoO <sub>4</sub> /NF                            | 310                                         | S10       |
| rGO/CuCo <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> /NiMn-LDH@NF | 220                                         | This work |

**Table S2.** OER performance of electrocatalysts for OER.

| Electrocatalyst                                   | $\eta_{10}$ (mV) | Tafel slope(mV dec <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| RuO <sub>2</sub>                                  | 218              | 126                                |
| CuCo <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub>                  | 308              | 199                                |
| NiMn-LDH                                          | 448              | 247                                |
| rGO                                               | 610              | 249                                |
| CuCo <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> /NiMn-LDH        | 244              | 173                                |
| CuCo <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> /rGO             | 277              | 195                                |
| NiMn-LDH/rGO                                      | 339              | 222                                |
| rGO/CuCo <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> /NiMn-LDH@NF | 220              | 150                                |

**Table S3.** Potential, Tafel slope, activation energy, double layer capacitance of electrocatalysts for UOR.

| Electrocatalyst                                   | Potential (v)@10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> | Tafel slope (mV dec <sup>-1</sup> ) | C <sub>dl</sub> (mF cm <sup>-2</sup> ) |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| RuO <sub>2</sub>                                  | 1.40                                 | 139                                 | —                                      |
| CuCo <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub>                  | 1.44                                 | 143                                 | 2.8                                    |
| NiMn-LDH                                          | 1.58                                 | 153                                 | 1.5                                    |
| rGO                                               | 1.71                                 | 155                                 | 2.2                                    |
| CuCo <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> /NiMn-LDH        | 1.31                                 | 140                                 | 5.2                                    |
| CuCo <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> /rGO             | 1.41                                 | 141                                 | 3                                      |
| NiMn-LDH/rGO                                      | 1.47                                 | 150                                 | 4                                      |
| rGO/CuCo <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> /NiMn-LDH@NF | 1.27                                 | 136                                 | 9                                      |

**Table S4.** UOR performance of NiMn-LDH/CuCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>/rGO and the reported electrocatalysts.

| Electrocatalyst                                   | Potential/current density (V@mA cm <sup>-2</sup> ) | Reference |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| LDH/ $\alpha$ -FeOOH                              | 1.35@10                                            | S11       |
| Mo-FeNi LDH                                       | 1.32@10                                            | S12       |
| NiCoV <sub>1.0</sub> -LDH/NF-100                  | 1.33@10                                            | S13       |
| NiCoCr-LDH/NF                                     | 1.38@100                                           | S14       |
| NiCo-LDH/NF                                       | 1.48@25                                            | S15       |
| Ni-TPA@NiSe/NF                                    | 1.37@100                                           | S16       |
| Mn-NiOOH                                          | 1.42@100                                           | S17       |
| CoNi-LDH/Fe MOF/NF                                | 1.55@100                                           | S18       |
| FQD/CoNiLDH                                       | 1.36@10                                            | S19       |
| NiS/Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> -Ni@NCNT       | 1.37@10                                            | S20       |
| rGO/CuCo <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> /NiMn-LDH@NF | 1.27@10                                            | This work |

**Table S5.** HER performance of NiMn-LDH/CuCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>/rGO and the reported electrocatalyst

| Electrocatalyst                                | Overpotential at 10 mAcm <sup>-2</sup> (mV) | Ref.      |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| CoMnLDH@Cu(OH) <sub>2</sub> /CF                | 155                                         | S21       |
| NiFe-LDH                                       | 245                                         | S22       |
| NiFe-LDH                                       | 272                                         | S23       |
| NiFe LDH-NS@DG hybrid                          | 115                                         | S24       |
| Ni <sub>5</sub> Fe LDH@NF                      | 133                                         | S25       |
| NiCoFe LTHs/CFC                                | 200                                         | S26       |
| CoSe/NiFe-LDH/EG                               | 260                                         | S27       |
| NiFe-LDH/NiCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /NF  | 257                                         | S28       |
| NiMn-LDH/CuCo <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> /rGO | 101                                         | This work |

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