

## Supporting Information

### From Toxic Pollutant to Catalyst: One-Pot Synthesis of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Ni-DBP/NF for Efficient Overall Water Splitting

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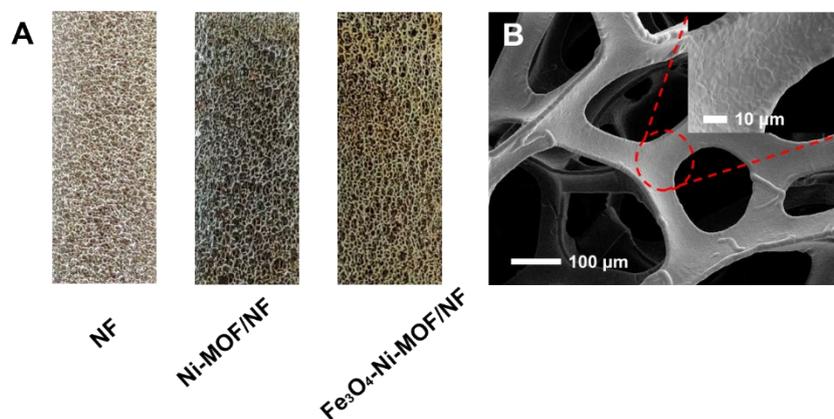
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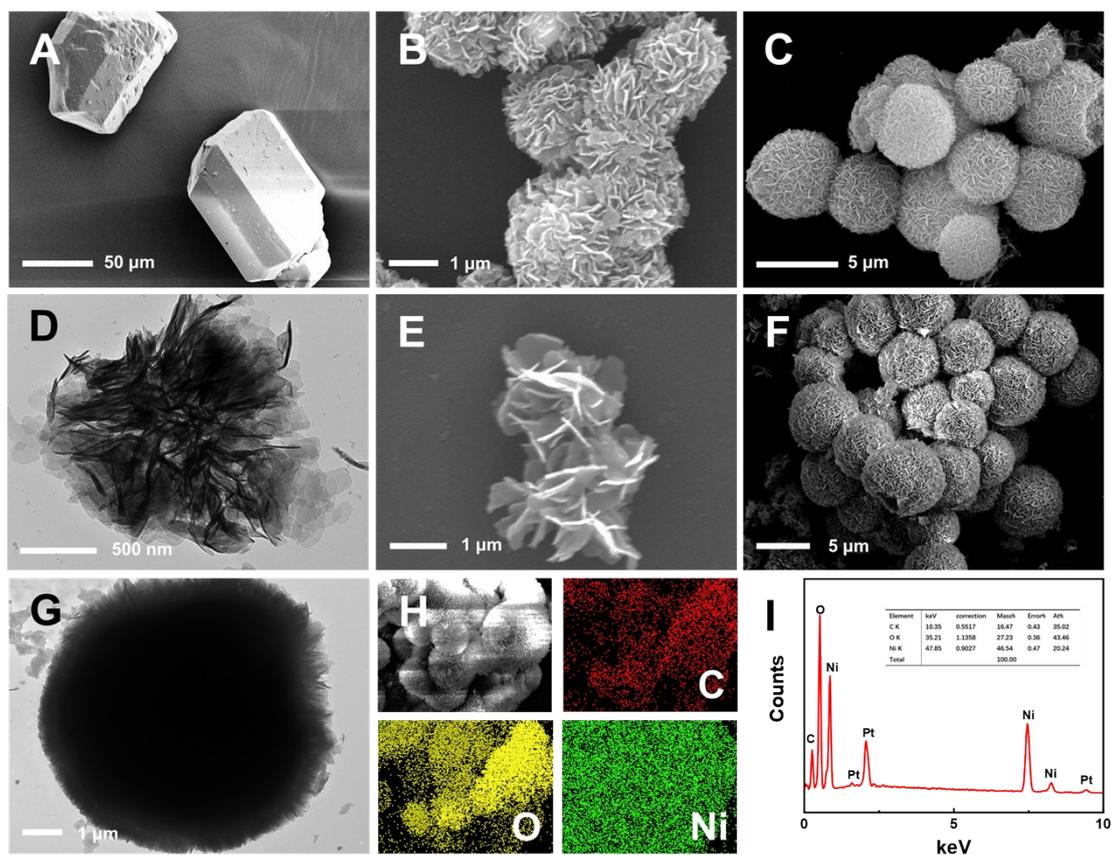
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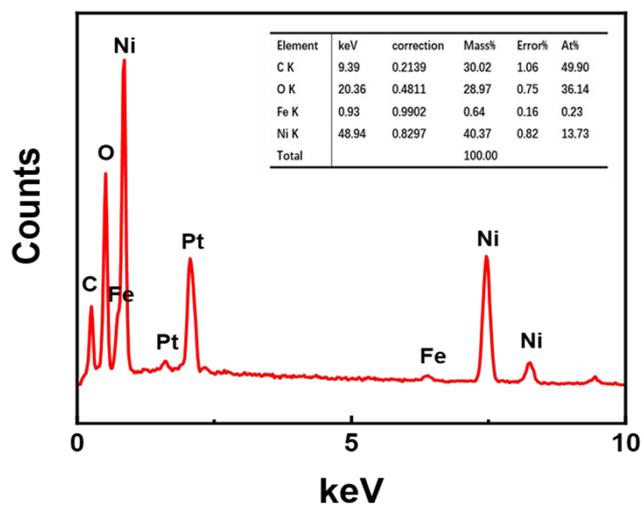
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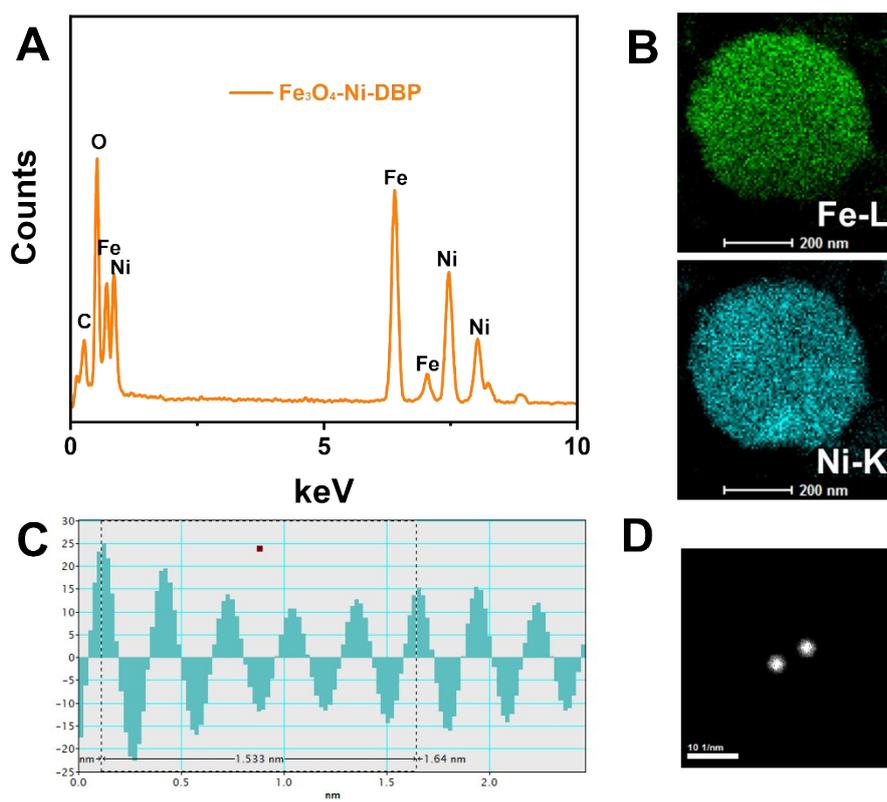
**Figure S1.** (A) Color changes in the appearance of the NF, Ni-DBP, and Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Ni-DBP. (B) FE-SEM image of bare NF.



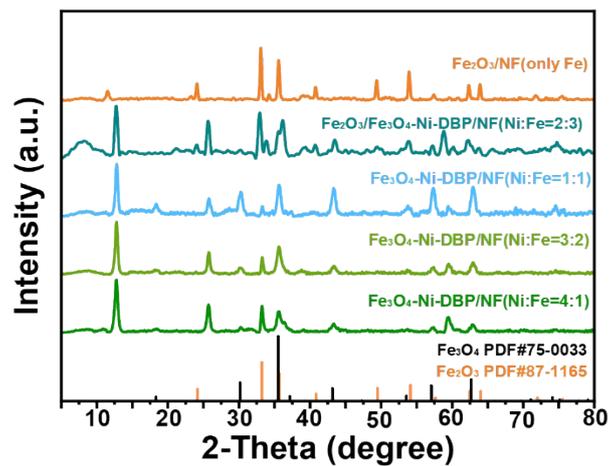
**Figure S2.** FE-SEM morphologies of (A) 1,2-BDC, (B) Ni-BDC (without PVP), (C) Ni-BDC. (D) TEM morphology of Ni-BDC. SEM morphologies of (E) Ni-DBP (without PVP), (F) Ni-DBP. (G) TEM morphology of Ni-DBP. (H) Elemental mapping analyses of the Ni-DBP. (I) EDS spectrogram of the Ni-DBP.



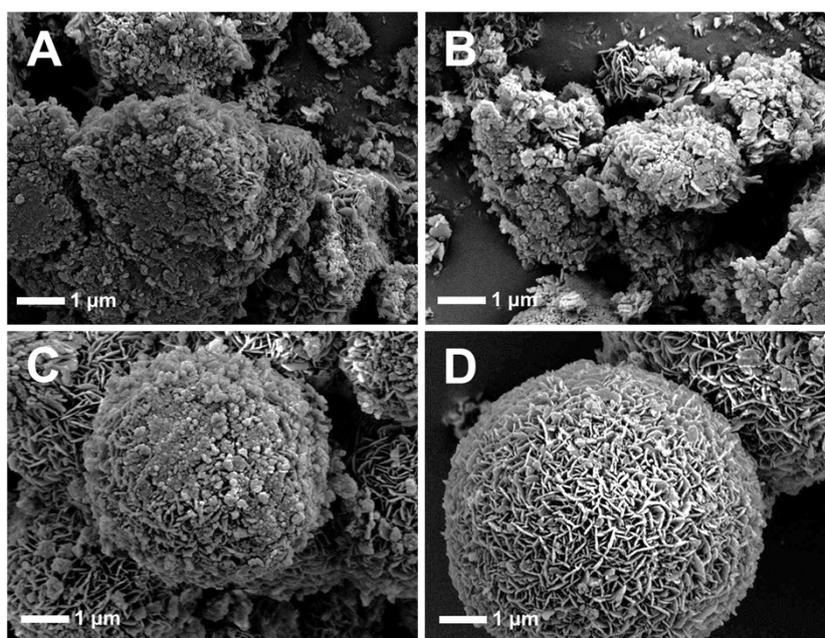
**Figure S3.** EDS spectrogram of the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Ni-DBP/NF.



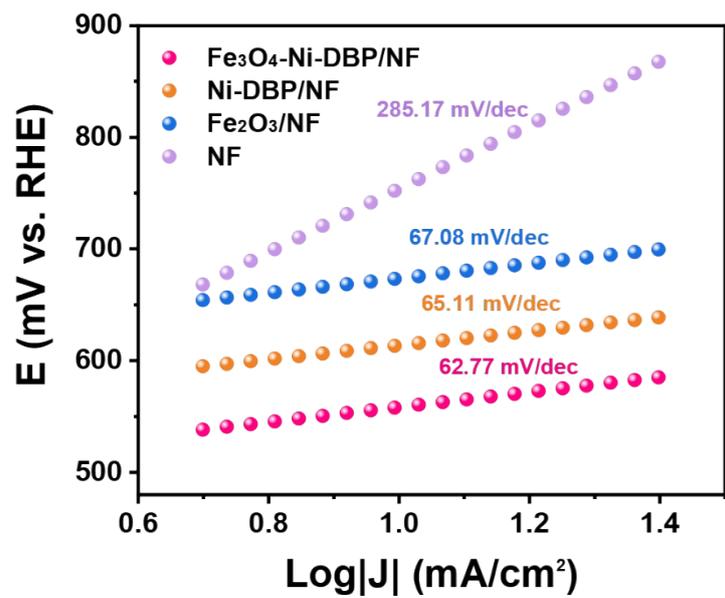
**Figure S4.** (A) TEM-EDS spectrogram of the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Ni-DBP. (B) Elemental mapping analyses of the Fe-L and Ni-K for Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Ni-DBP. (C) Height profile and (D) topographic image of the inverse FFT mode.



**Figure S5.** PXRD patterns of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Ni-DBP with different metal ratios.



**Figure S6.** FE-SEM images of (A)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Ni-DBP with different metal ratios: (A) Ni:Fe = 1:4, (B) Ni:Fe = 2:3, (C) Ni:Fe = 3:2, and (D) Ni:Fe = 4:1.



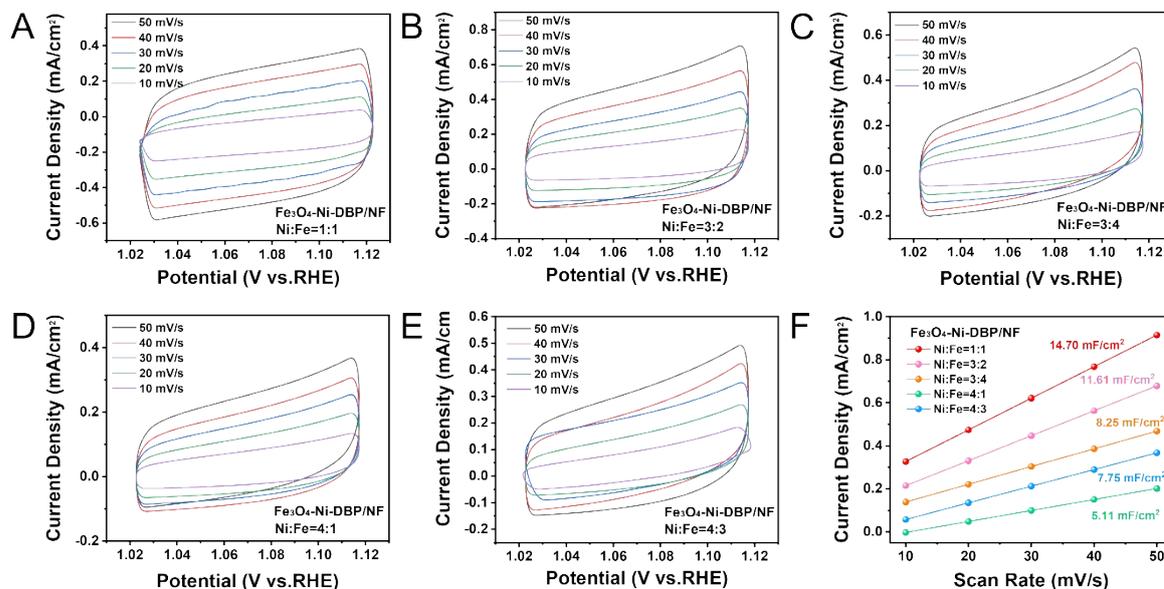
**Figure S7.** Tafel plot of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Ni-DBP/NF, Ni-DBP/NF, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/NF, and bare NF for the OER derived from steady-state polarization measurements.

**Table S1.** OER performance of various electrocatalysts.

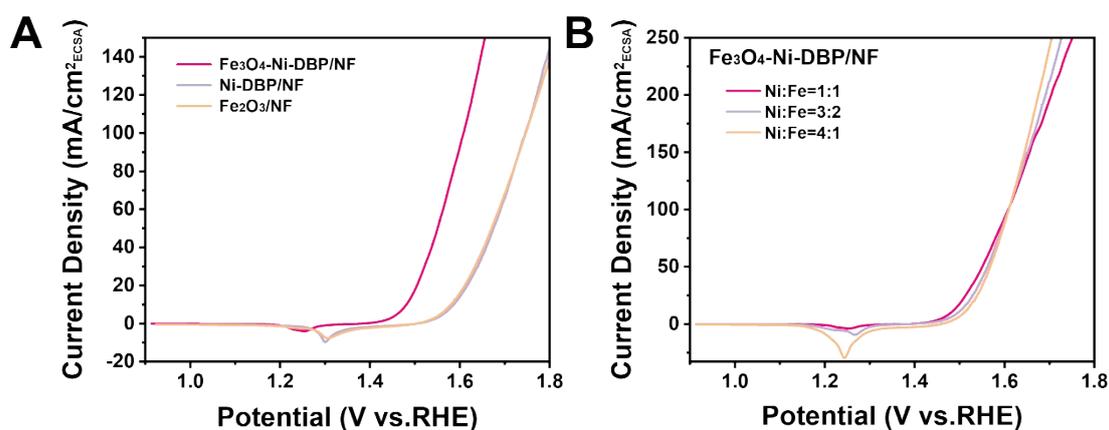
<b>Electrocatalysts</b>	<b>OER <math>\eta_{10}</math><sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Tafel Slope</b>	<b>Reference</b>
	<b>(mV)</b>	<b>(mV/dec)</b>	
Ni/FeO <sub>x</sub> NRs@CP	242	80.40	1
WO <sub>3</sub> NRs@Co-MOF/NF	280	36.00	2
Ni-MOF/NF-SS	253	70.90	3
(Ni, Co) <sub>2</sub> P/NFs	283	56.40	4
Ni <sub>3</sub> Se <sub>2</sub> @NiFe-LDH/NF	222	61.30	5
Mo-CoSe <sub>2</sub> NS@NF	234	58.00	6
MoS <sub>2</sub> /NiS <sub>2</sub> /CoS <sub>2</sub>	230	89.00	7
<b>Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Ni-DBP/NF</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>55.34</b>	<b>This work</b>

a: The overpotential (mV) required to drive a current density of 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> in 1.0 M KOH.

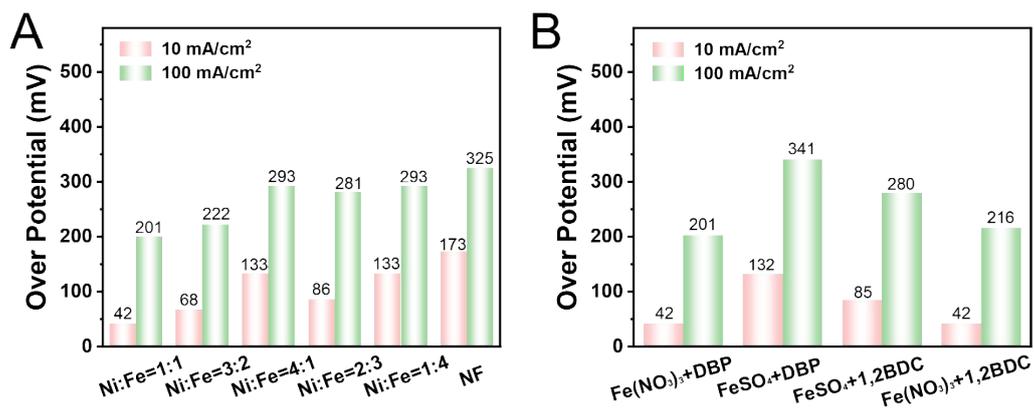
**Figure S8.** CV(OER) curves of the (A)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4\text{-Ni-DBP/NF}$ , (B)  $\text{Ni-DBP/NF}$ , (C)  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3\text{/NF}$  with varying scan rates (10, 20, 30, 40, 50 mV/s) in 1.0 M KOH. (D) The  $C_{dl}$  values of different catalysts.



**Figure S9.** CV(OER) curves of the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4\text{-Ni-DBP/NF}$  with different metal ratios: (A)  $\text{Ni:Fe} = 1:1$ , (B)  $\text{Ni:Fe} = 3:2$ , (C)  $\text{Ni:Fe} = 3:4$ , (D)  $\text{Ni:Fe} = 4:1$ , (E)  $\text{Ni:Fe} = 4:3$  with varying scan rates (10, 20, 30, 40, 50 mV/s) in 1.0 M KOH. (F) The  $C_{dl}$  values of different metal ratios.

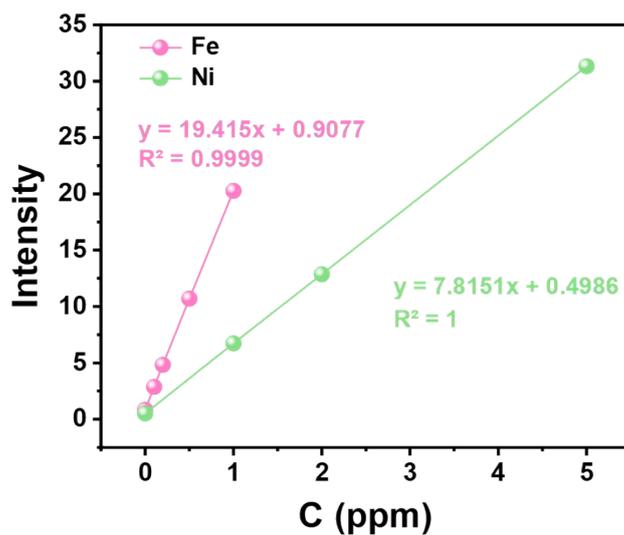


**Figure S10.** Normalized LSV curves based on ECSA (specific capacitance  $C_S = 40 \mu\text{F cm}^{-2}$ ): (A) different catalysts, (B) different metal ratios.

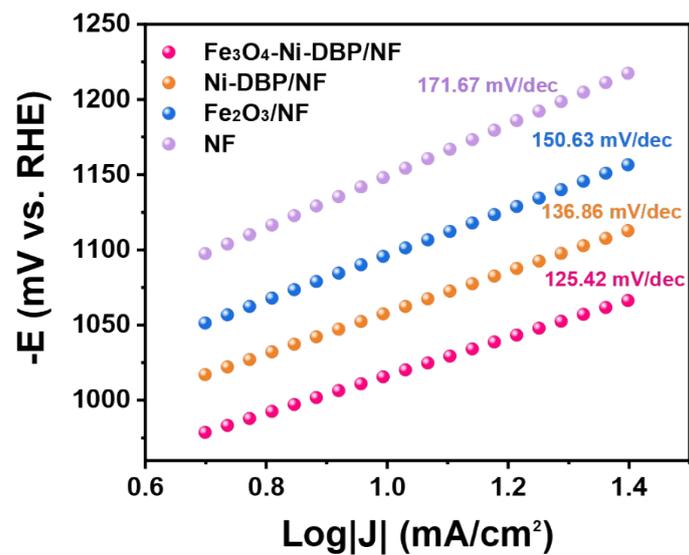


**Figure S11.** Overpotentials derived from HER polarization curves at 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> and 100 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>:

(A) Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Ni-DBP/NF with different metal ratios, (B) Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Ni-DBP/NF prepared by different alternative precursors.



**Figure S12.** ICP-OES calibration curves of Fe and Ni ions.

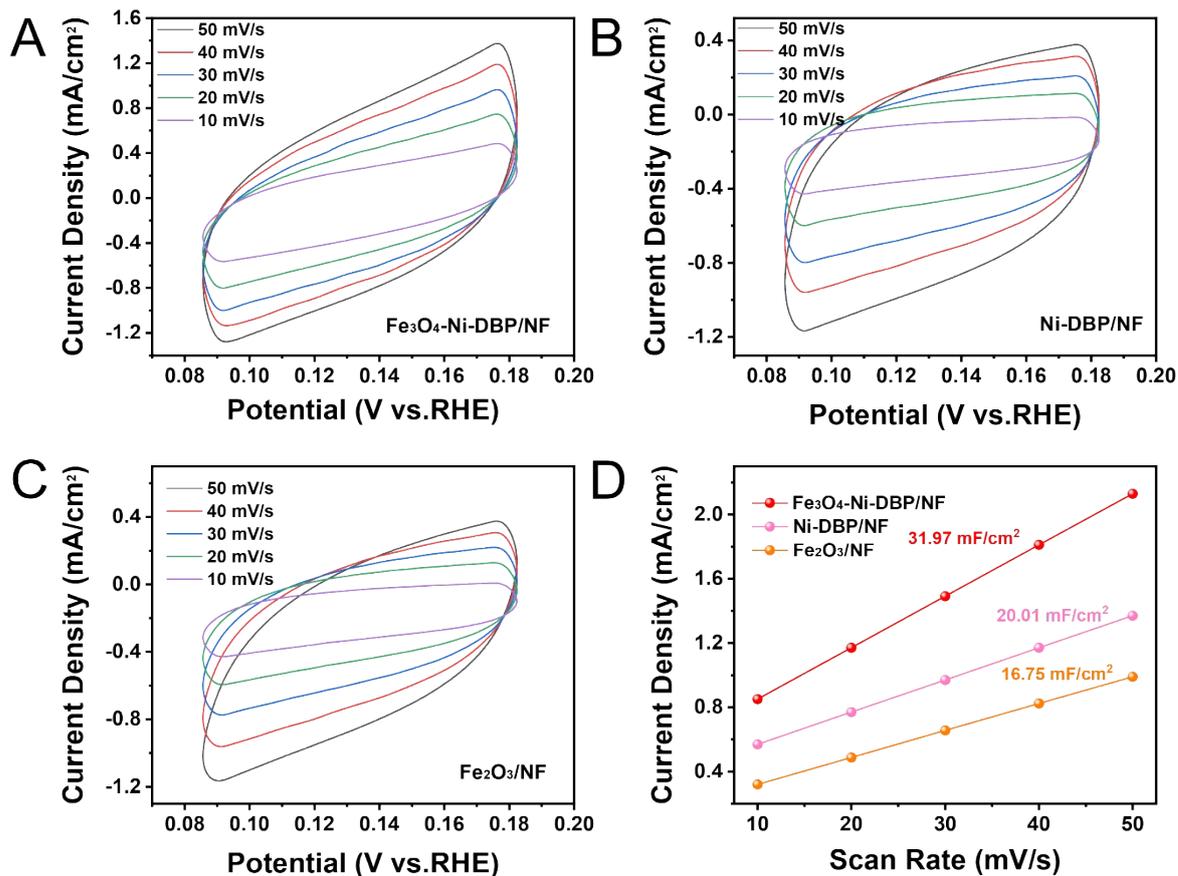


**Figure S13.** Tafel plot of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Ni-DBP/NF, Ni-DBP/NF, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/NF, and bare NF for the HER derived from steady-state polarization measurements.

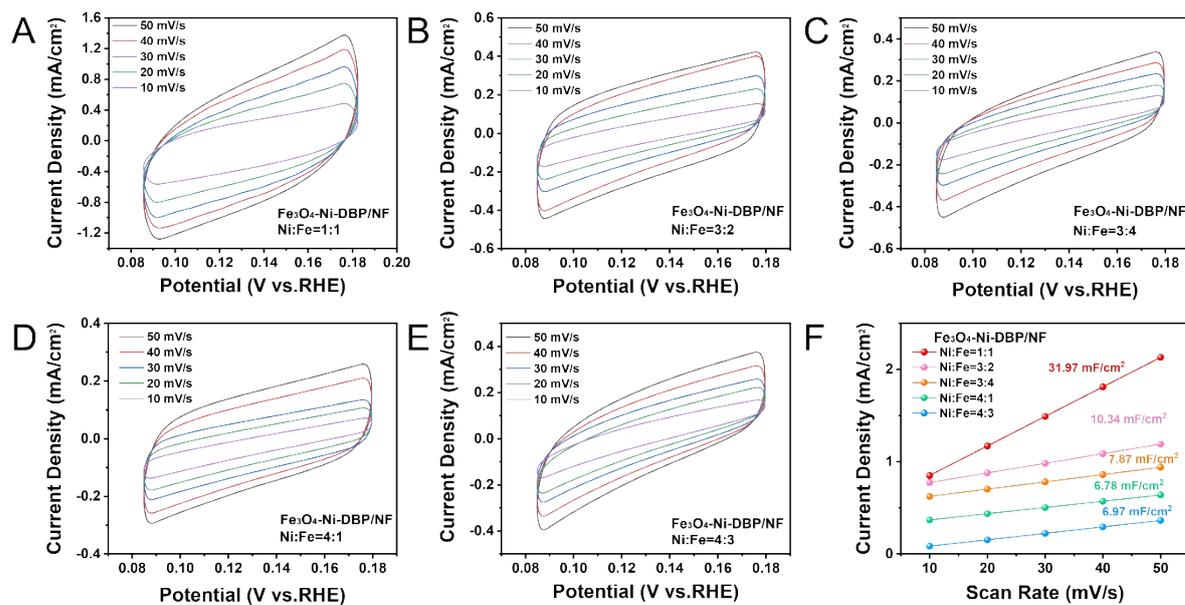
**Table S2.** HER performance of various electrocatalysts.

<b>Electrocatalysts</b>	<b>HER <math>\eta_{10}</math><sup>a</sup></b> <b>(mV)</b>	<b>Tafel Slope</b> <b>(mV/dec)</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Mn-MOF/NF	125	113.00	8
(Ni, Co) <sub>2</sub> P NFs	92	62.30	4
Ni <sub>3</sub> Se <sub>2</sub> @NiFe-LDH/NF	68	106.20	5
NiFe-LDH-POM/NF	156	86.00	9
Mo-CoSe <sub>2</sub> NS@NF	89	69.00	6
MoS <sub>2</sub> /NiS <sub>2</sub> /CoS <sub>2</sub>	101	116.00	7
Co <sub>8</sub> FeS <sub>8</sub> MXene/NF	108	84.08	10
<b>Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Ni-DBP/NF</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>39.16</b>	<b>This work</b>

a: The overpotential (mV) required to drive a current density of 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> in a 1.0 M KOH.

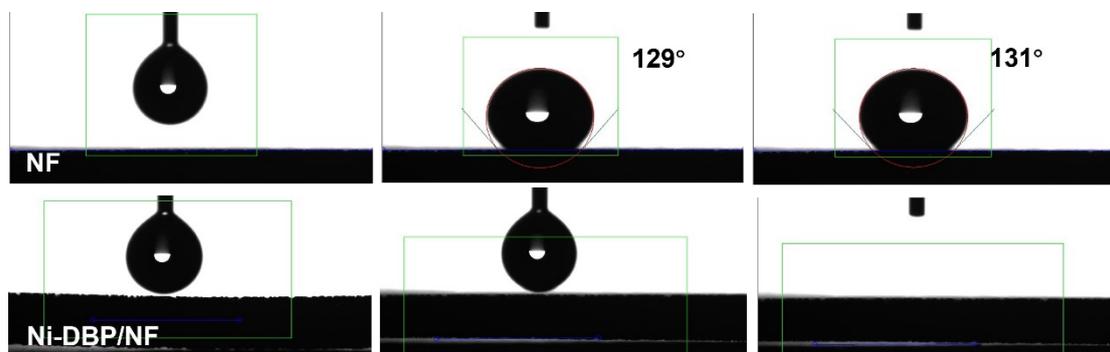


**Figure S14.** CV(HER) curves of the (A)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4\text{-Ni-DBP/NF}$ , (B)  $\text{Ni-DBP/NF}$ , (C)  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3\text{/NF}$  with varying scan rates (10, 20, 30, 40, 50 mV/s) in 1.0 M KOH. (D) The  $C_{dl}$  values of different catalysts.

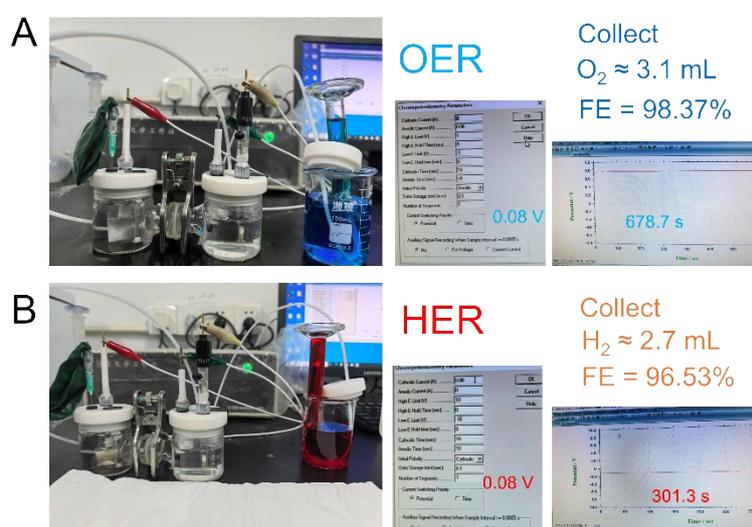


**Figure S15.** CV(HER) curves of the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4\text{-Ni-DBP/NF}$  with different metal ratios: (A) Ni:Fe = 1:1,

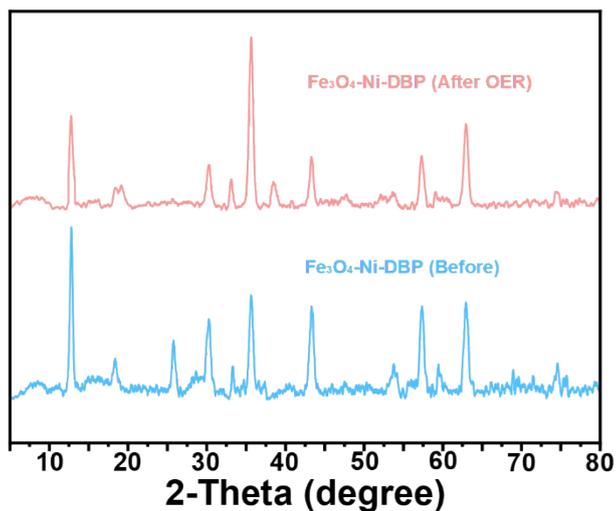
(B) Ni:Fe = 3:2, (C) Ni:Fe = 3:4, (D) Ni:Fe = 4:1, (E) Ni:Fe = 4:3 with varying scan rates (10, 20, 30, 40, 50 mV/s) in 1.0 M KOH. (F) The  $C_{dl}$  values of different metal ratios.



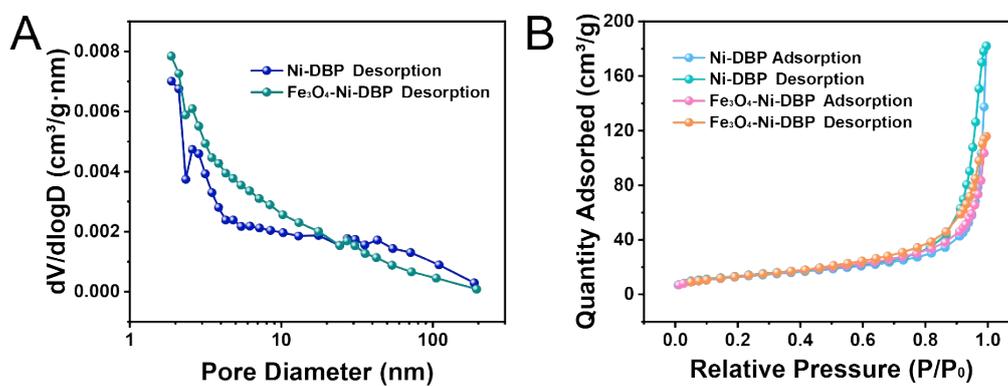
**Figure S16.** The static water contact angle of NF and Ni-DBP/NF.



**Figure S17.** The  $O_2$  (A) and  $H_2$  (B) were collected by the water displacement method.



**Figure S18.** PXRD patterns of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Ni-DBP before and after OER in 1.0 M KOH.



**Figure S19.** (A)  $\text{N}_2$  adsorption-desorption isotherms and (B) cumulative pore-diameter distribution of pristine Ni-DBP/NF and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Ni-DBP/NF catalyst after long-term redox cycling.

**Table S3** BET surface area, pore volume and average pore diameter of Ni-DBP/NF and Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-

Ni-DBP/NF.

<b>Samples</b>	<b>S<sub>BET</sub></b> <b>(m<sup>2</sup>/g)</b>	<b>Pore volume</b> <b>(cm<sup>3</sup>/g)</b>	<b>Average pore diameter</b> <b>(nm)</b>
Ni-DBP	47.45	0.28	23.74
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -Ni-DBP	49.49	0.18	13.70

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