

## Supporting Information

### Facet-Defect Coupling in CuO Catalysts Boosts Ammonia Oxidation Kinetics

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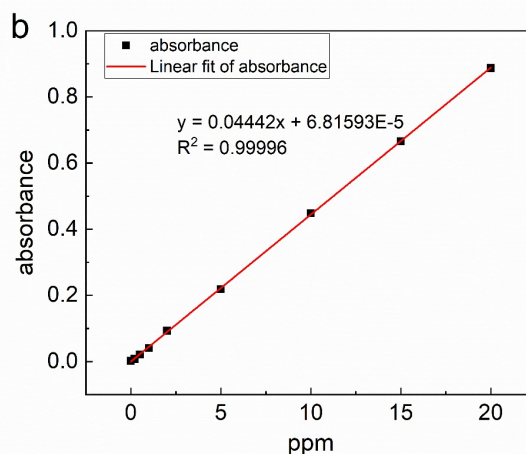
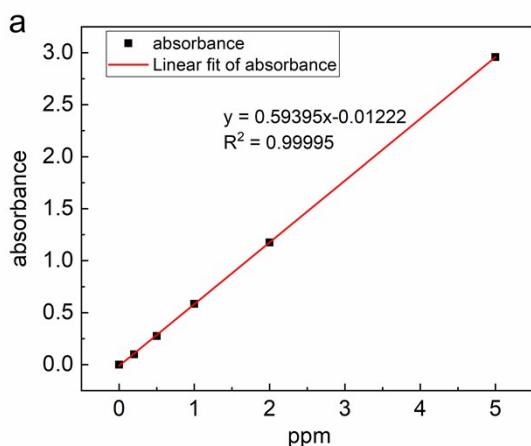


Figure S1. Standard calibration curves for the quantitative analysis of AOR products. (a) Calibration curve for  $\text{NO}_2^-$  determination using the Griess reagent method, showing absorbance at 540 nm as a function of  $\text{NO}_2^-$  concentration. (b) Calibration curve for  $\text{NO}_3^-$  determination using the dual-wavelength direct absorbance method (220 and 275 nm), with corrected UV absorbance plotted against  $\text{NO}_3^-$  concentration.

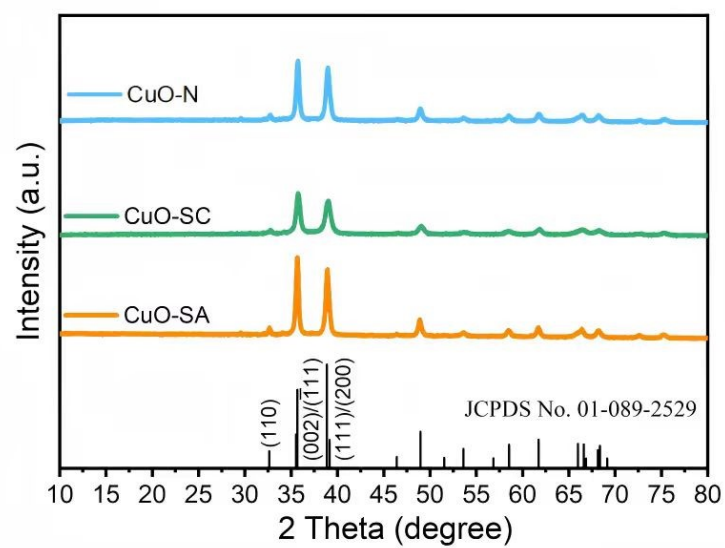


Figure S2. XRD patterns of CuO-N, CuO-SC, and CuO-SA catalysts.

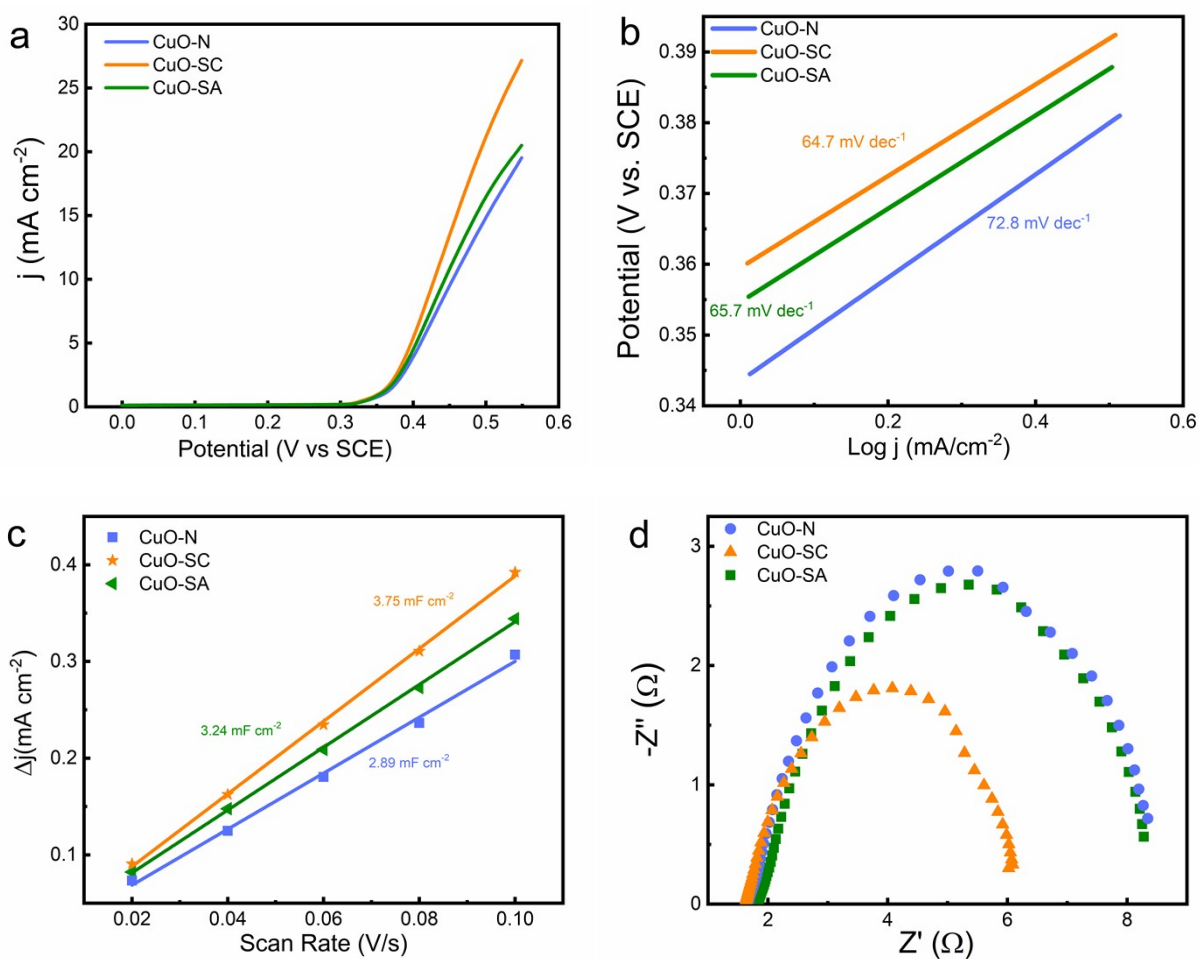


Figure S3. Comparative electrocatalytic performance of CuO catalysts with different exposed facets. (a) LSV curves. (b) Corresponding Tafel slopes. (c)  $C_{dl}$  derived from CV scans in the non-Faradaic region. (d) EIS Nyquist plots.

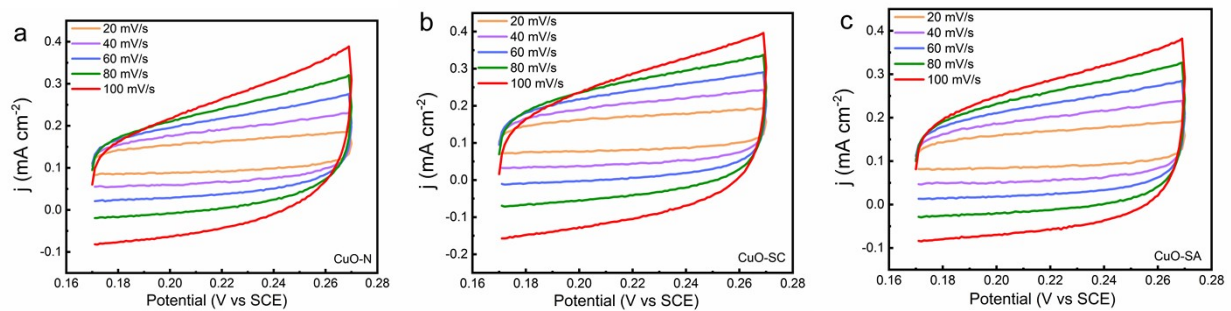


Figure S4. CV curves recorded in the non-Faradaic potential region at various scan rates (20 - 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>) for (a) CuO-N, (b) CuO-SC, and (c) CuO-SA

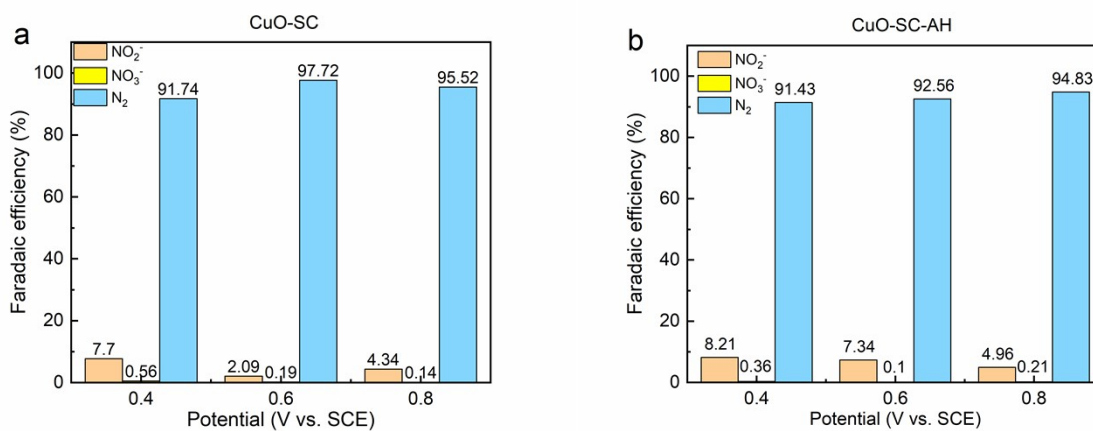


Figure S5. Potential-dependent Faradaic efficiencies (FEs) of AOR products over different catalysts. (a) CuO-SC, and (b) CuO-SC-AH.

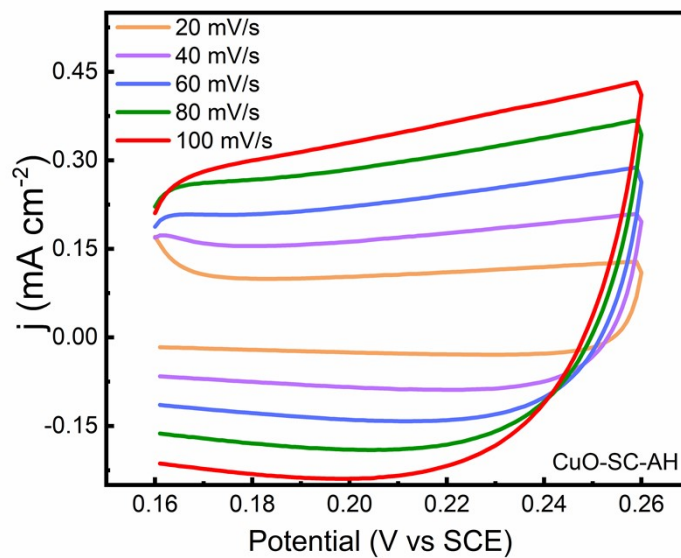


Figure S6. CV curves for CuO-SC-AH recorded in the non-Faradaic potential region at various scan rates (20 - 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>).

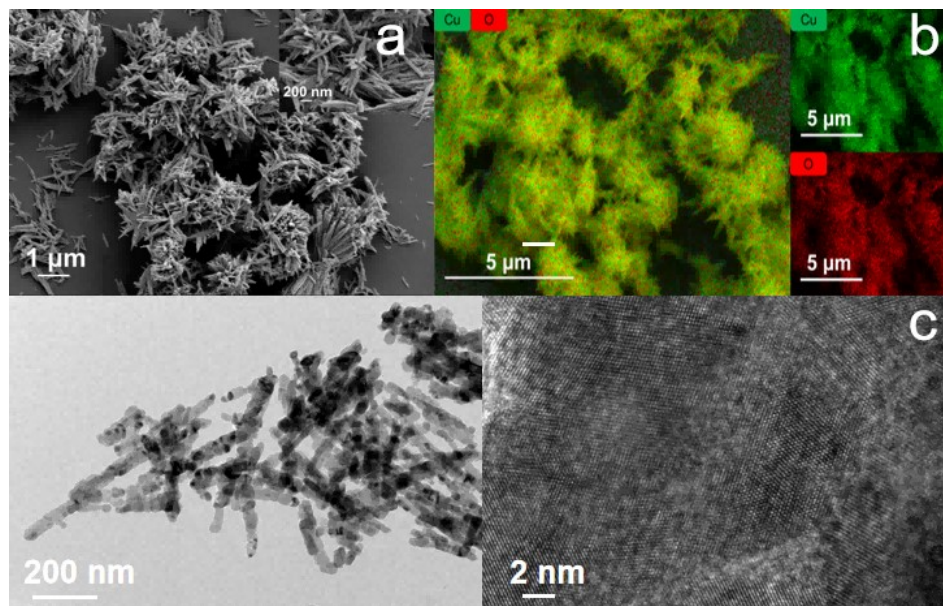


Figure S7. Microstructural and elemental characterization of CuO-SC-AH catalyst. (a) SEM image, (b) Corresponding EDS elemental mapping for Cu and O, and (c) TEM image.

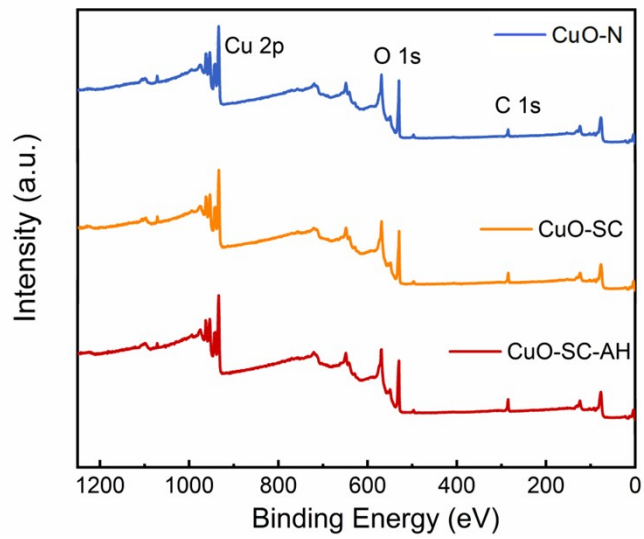


Figure S8. The XPS survey spectra of CuO, CuO-SC and CuO-SC-AH.

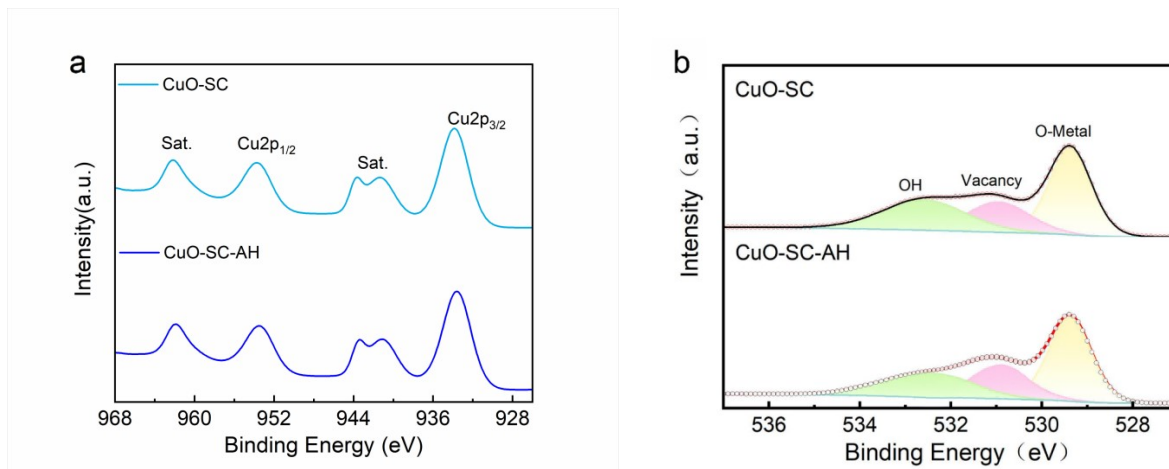


Figure S9. High-resolution XPS spectra of CuO-SC and CuO-SC-AH after the AOR test. (a) Cu 2p, (b) O 1s.

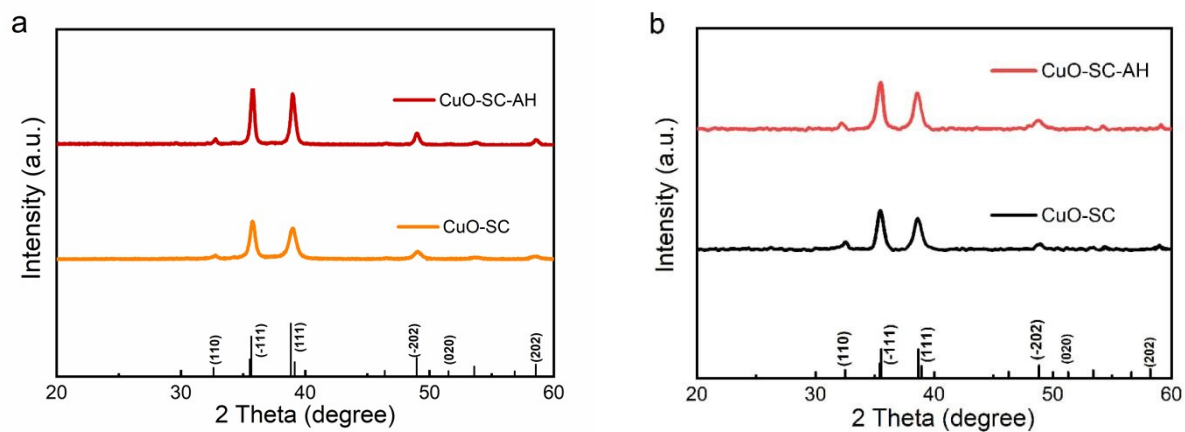


Figure S10. XRD patterns of CuO-SC and CuO-SC-AH before (a) and after (b) the AOR test.

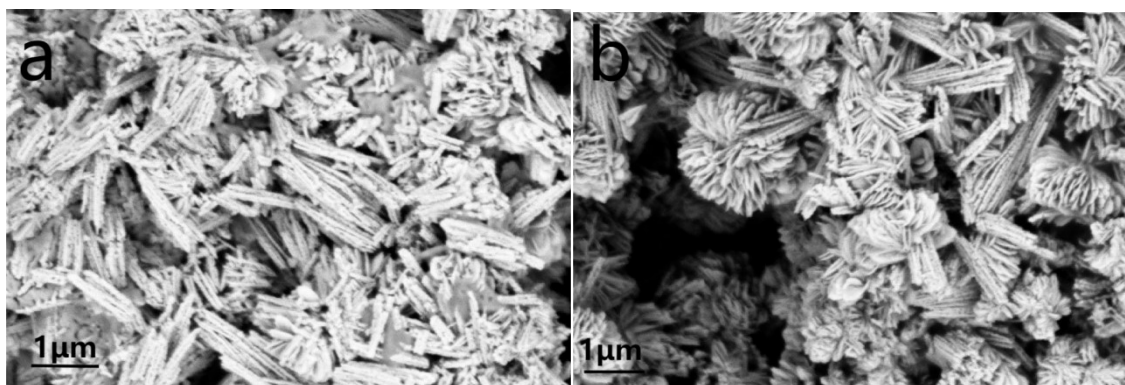


Figure S11. SEM images of CuO-SC and CuO-SC-AH after the AOR test: (a) CuO-SC, (b) CuO-SC-AH.

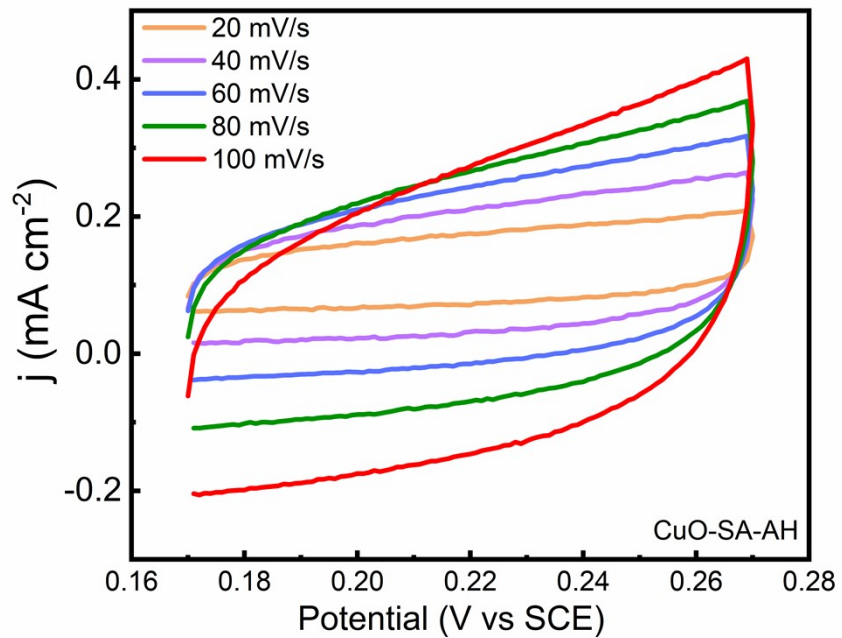


Figure S12. CV curves for CuO-SA-AH recorded in the non-Faradaic potential region at various scan rates (20 - 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>).

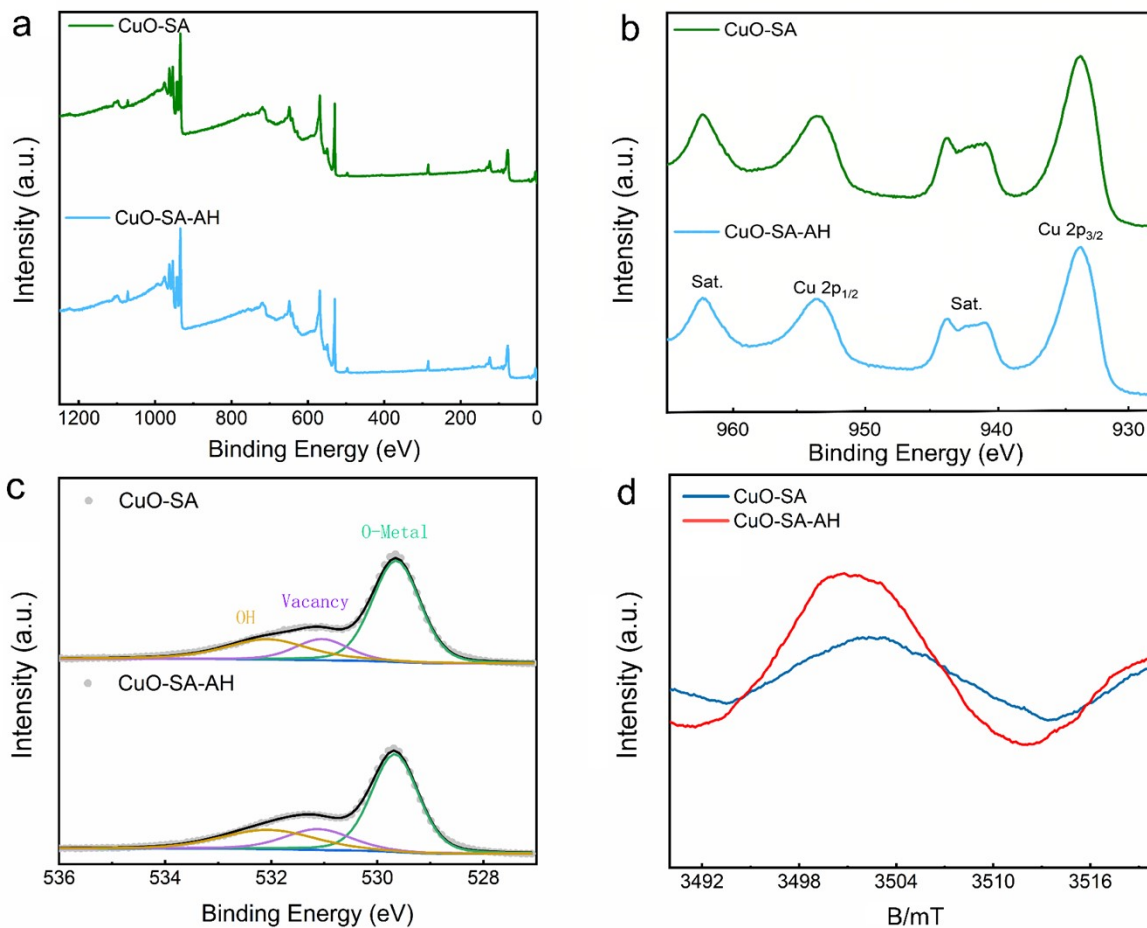


Figure S13. Comparative XPS and EPR analysis of CuO-SA and CuO-SA-AH. (a) Survey scans, (b) Cu 2p, (c) O 1s spectra, and (d) EPR spectra.

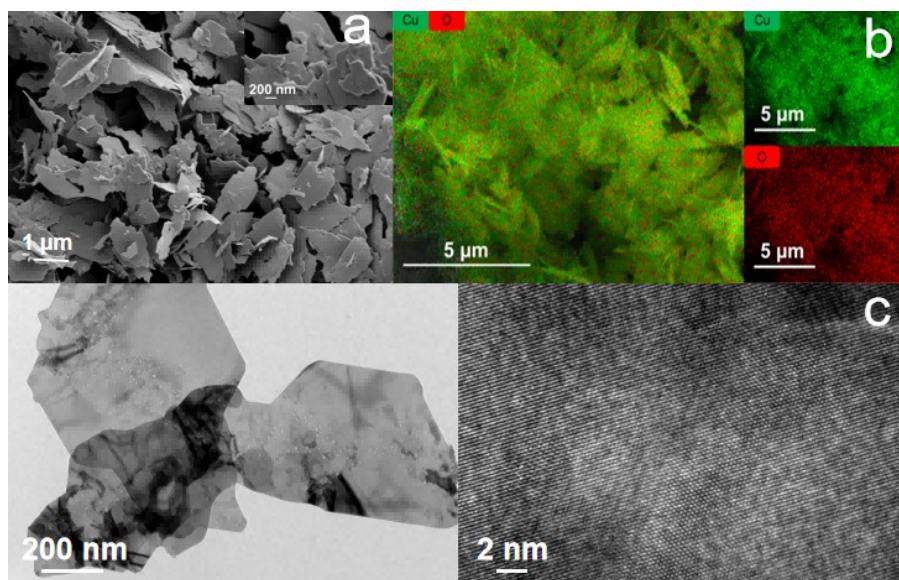


Figure S14. Microstructural and elemental characterization of CuO-SA-AH catalyst. (a) SEM image, (b) Corresponding EDS elemental mapping for Cu and O, and (c) TEM image.

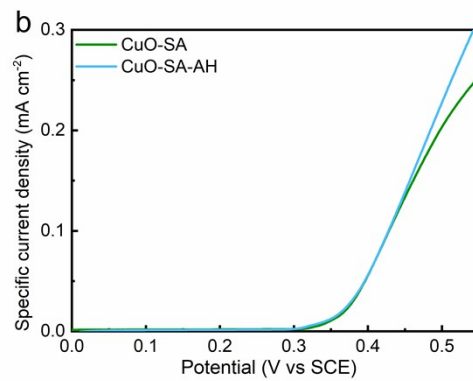
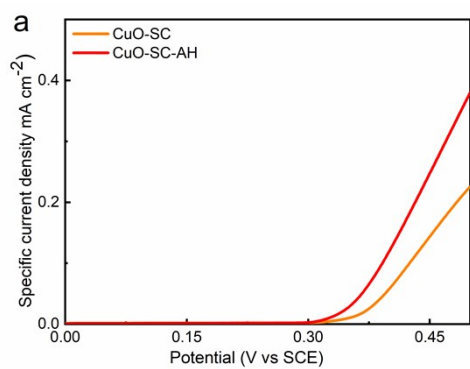


Figure S15. The ECSA-normalized polarization curves of (a) CuO-SC and CuO-SC-AH, (b) CuO-SA and CuO-SA-AH.

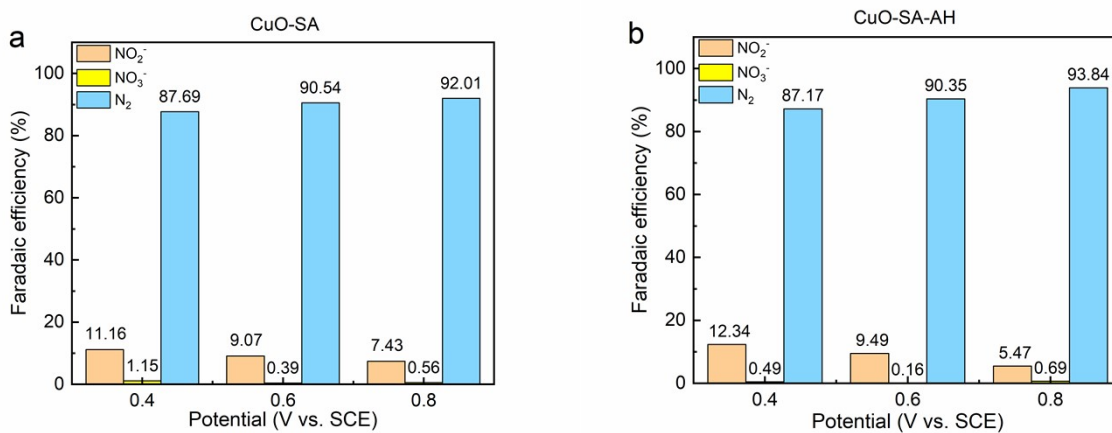


Figure S16. Potential-dependent Faradaic efficiencies (FEs) of AOR products over different catalysts. (a) CuO-SA, (b) CuO-SA-AH.

