Electronic Supplementary Information

Preparation of carbon coated MoO₂ nanobelts and its high performance as

anode material for lithium ion batteries

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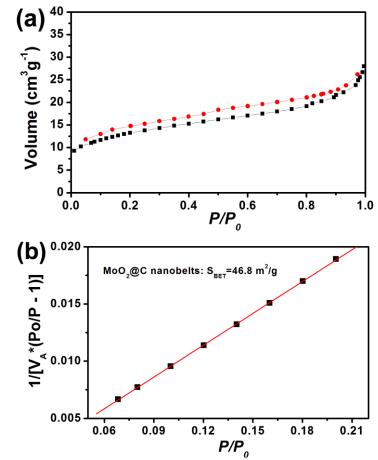


Figure S1. (a) N₂ adsorption-desorption isotherms of MoO₂@C NBs, and (b) corresponding BET curve indicating the surface area of $46.8 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$.

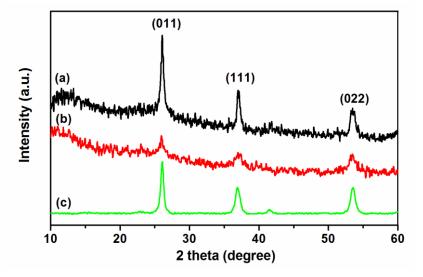


Figure S2. XRD patterns of products obtained through hydrothermal process in case of (a) without glucose, (b) without ethanol and (c) with low $n_{glucose/Mo}$ of 1.71.

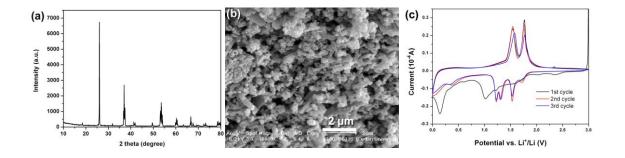


Figure S3. (a) XRD pattern, (b) SEM image and (c) CV curves of MoO_2 microplates purchased from Alfa Aesar. The scan rate of CV test is 0.1 mV/s.

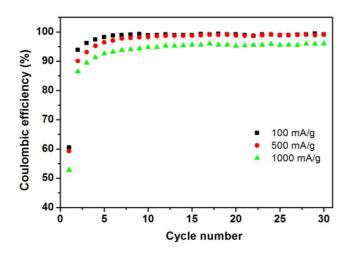


Figure S4. Coulombic efficiency of MoO₂@C NBs during cycling performance in the range of $0.01 \sim 3 \text{ V}$ vs. Li⁺/Li at different current densities.

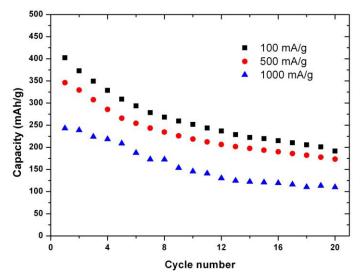


Figure S5. Cycling performance of commercial MoO_2 nanoparticles purchased from Alfa Aesar tested in the range of 0.01 - 3 V *vs.* metallic lithium.