## **Supplementary Information**

## Silicon Nanowires-Reduced Graphene Oxide Composite as a High-Performance Lithium Ion Battery Anode Material

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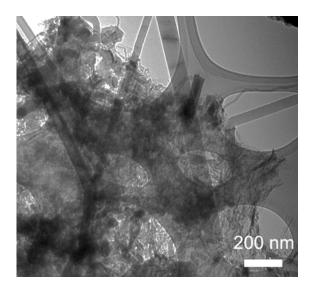


Figure S1. TEM image of the CVD-synthesized Si NWs-rGO composite. The well dispersed Si NWs were sandwiched between rGO sheets, achieving the lateral contact between NW and rGO sheet.

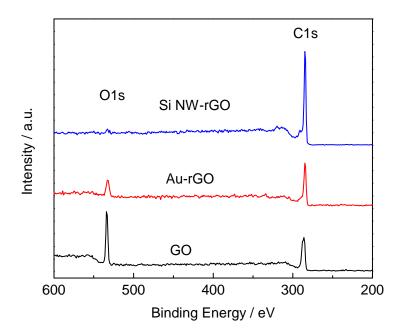


Figure S2. XPS survey spectra of the GO, Au-rGO, and Si NWs-rGO samples. C/O ratios for GO, Au-rGO, and Si NWs-rGO were calculated to be 2.39, 4.05, and 25.04, respectively.

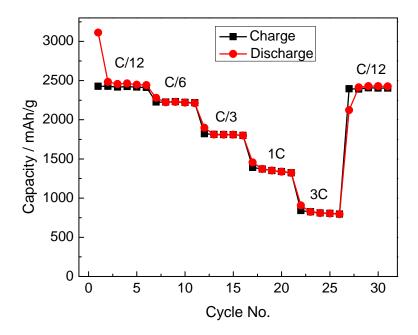


Figure S3. Rate capabilities of Si NWs-rGO composite electrode ( $1C = 3.6 \text{ A g}^{-1}$ ).

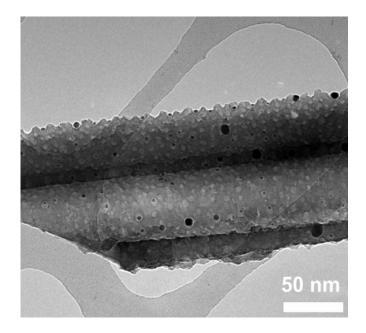


Fig S4. TEM image of a Si NW after 100 cycles at C/3 rate. The Si NW was transformed to a porous structure, and its diameter increased to about 120 nm.