## **Supporting Information**

## Tailored synthesis of hierarchical spinous hollow titania

## hexagonal prisms via a self-template route

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Fig. S1 XRD patterns of TC and SHTHPs.



**Fig. S2** Histograms of the side length distribution of TC (left) and SHTHPs (right).



Fig. S3 TG curve of SHTHPs (prior to calcination).



Fig. S4 XPS survey spectrum of calcined SHTHPs.



Fig. S5 SEM and TEM images of the TC (a1 and a2) and products obtained from different solvothermal reaction time: (b1 and b2) 3 h for TC @ titania core-shell structure; (c1 and c2) 6 h for TC @ titania yolk-shell structure; (d1 and d2) 20 h for hollow titania structure.



**Fig. S6** XRD patterns of the products obtained after solvothermal treatment without ammonia (a), in the presence of ammonia (b).



Fig. S7 discharge–charge profiles of calcined SHTHPs at a current rate of 2 C.