## **Supporting Information**

## Phosphorus-doped graphene nanosheets as efficient metal-free oxygen reduction electrocatalysts

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Fig. S1 FTIR spectrum of the P-TRG sample

The FTIR spectrum exhibits five pronounced bands at 3448, 1623, 1571, 1118, and 673 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The peak at 3448 cm<sup>-1</sup> can be assigned to O-H stretching vibration of the water molecules chemisorbed on the material surface. The peaks around 1571 and 1623 cm<sup>-1</sup> were caused by the skeletal vibrations from the graphitic domains of graphene, <sup>1</sup> while the peaks at 1118 and 673 can be attributed to P-O and P-C stretch, respectively.<sup>2</sup>



Fig. S2 Pore size distribution of the TRG sample



Fig. S3 The fine deconvolution of the P2p spectrum

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