## **Supporting Information**

## Seed-assisted Synthesis of $Co_3O_4@\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Core/Shell Nanoneedle Arrays for Lithium-ion Battery Anode with High Capacity

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Fig. S1 (a,b) Low-magnification and enlarged SEM images of the  $Co_3O_4$  NAs; (c,d) Lowmagnification and enlarged SEM images of the  $Co_3O_4@\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> NAs; (e,f) Low-magnification and enlarged SEM images of the  $Co_3O_4@\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> NAs after 100 discharge-charge cycles. The inset shows the sketch maps.



Fig. S2 (a,b,c) Low-magnification and enlarged SEM images of as-annealed  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> film directly grown on a Ni foam; (d) Raman spectra of the  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> film.



Fig. S3 XPS spectra of (a) Co 2p, (b) Fe 2p, (c) O 1s regions of the  $Co_3O_4@\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> NAs.