

## Supporting Information

## Tailoring CoO-ZnO Nanorod and Nanotube Arrays for

## **Lithium Battery Anode Materials**





Figure SI1. SEM images of copper substrate with (a) low magnification and (b) low magnification; SEM images of ZnO nanorods prepared on the copper substrate with (c) low magnification and (d) high magnification.

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Figure SI2. SEM images of CoO-ZnO composite materials obtained at the concentration of  $Co(NO_3)_2 0.15M$  on the copper substrate with (a) low magnification and (b) high magnification.

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Figure SI3. SEM images of CoO-ZnO composite materials obtained at the concentration of  $Co(NO_3)_2 0.15M$  on the copper substrate with (a) low magnification and (b) high magnification.

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Figure SI4. SEM images of CoO-ZnO composite materials obtained at the concentration of  $Co(NO_3)_2 0.18M$  on the copper substrate with (a) low magnification and (b) high magnification.





Figure SI5. SEM images of CoO-ZnO composite nanotube arrays obtained at the concentration of  $Co(NO_3)_2 0.2M$  on the copper substrate with (a) low magnification and (b) high magnification.





Figure SI6. SEM images of CoO-ZnO composite materials obtained at the concentration of  $Co(NO_3)_2 0.22M$  on the copper substrate with (a) low magnification and (b) high magnification.





Figure SI7. SEM images of  $ZnCo_2O_4$  hierarchy nanocolumn arrays obtained at the concentration of  $Co(NO_3)_2$  0.25M on the copper substrate with (a) low magnification, (b) and (c) high magnification.





Figure SI8. (a)TEM image of CoO-ZnO composite nanotube; (b) linear EDS result of the CoO-ZnO composite nanotube.





Figure SI9. (a) TEM image of CoO-ZnO composite nanotube; (b) linear EDS result of the CoO-ZnO composite nanotube; (c) diffraction patterns of the nanotube.





Figure SI10. XPS result of the samples annealed at  $450^{\circ}$ C in nitrogen, line B is Co(II) and line C is Co(III).





Figure SI11. SEM images of CoO-ZnO hierarchy nanocolumn obtained at 1h with the concentration of  $Co(NO_3)_2$  (a) 0.1M; (b) 0.2M; (c)0.3M.

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Figure SI12. UV-absorbance spectrum of ZnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> hierarchy nanocolumns.