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## Supporting Information

## A facile one-step hydrothermal synthesis of $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoplates imbedded in graphene

## networks with high rate lithium storage and long cycle life

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Figure S1. SEM images of the samples prepared under different temperature: (a)120°C; (b) 140°C; (c) at 160°C; (d)180°C.



Figure S2. XRD of the samples prepared under different temperature



**Figure S3.** SEM images of (a) the  $rGO/\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoplate composite and (b) rGO without adding FeSO<sub>4</sub> 7H<sub>2</sub>O



**Figure S4.** SEM images of the samples prepared without adding of glycerol (a) (b) and without adding of graphene oxide (c) (d)



**Figure S5.** SEM images of the samples prepared with different amout of glycerol (a) 0ml, (b) 10ml, (c) 20ml, (d) 40ml while the total amount of the solvent kept unchanged



**Figure S6.** TG curves of the samples prepared at  $180^{\circ}$ C



**Figure S7.** The representative charge-discharge curves of the rGO,  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoplates and rGO/ $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoplate composite for the first cycle.



**Figure S8.** Rate performance (a) and cycling performance at 5C rate (b) of the samples prepared without adding of glycerol or graphene oxide