Supporting information for

## An Electrochemical Approach to Graphene Oxide Coated Sulfur for Long Cycle Life

Joonhee Moon<sup>1</sup><sup>+</sup>, Jungjin Park<sup>2,3+</sup>, Insu Jo<sup>1</sup>, Seung-Ho Yu<sup>2,3</sup>, Cheolho Jeon<sup>6</sup>, Jouhahn Lee<sup>6</sup>, Sung-Pyo Cho<sup>1,4</sup>, Yung-Eun Sung<sup>2,3\*</sup>, Byung Hee Hong<sup>1,5\*</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Department of Chemistry, College of Natural Science, Seoul National University, Seoul 151-747, Republic of Korea <sup>2</sup>School of Chemical and Biological Engineering, Seoul National University, Seoul 151-742, Republic of Korea. <sup>3</sup>Center for Nanoparticle Research, Institute for Basic Science (IBS), Seoul 151-742, Republic of Korea <sup>4</sup>National Center for Inter-University Research Facilities, Seoul National University, Seoul 141-742, Republic of Korea

<sup>5</sup>Graduate School of Convergence Science and Technology, Seoul National University, Suwon 443-270, Republic of Korea

<sup>6</sup>Korea Basic Science Institute, Daejeon 302-333, Republic of Korea

† These authors contributed equally to this work.\*Corresponding author, E-mail: byunghee@snu.ac.kr



**Figure S1.** SEM images of (a) GO-S/CB and (b) S/CB composites. The insets show the magnified images of GO-S/CB and S/CB, respectively.



**Figure S2.** (a) Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) spectra of CB and GO. Strong peaks attributed to the characteristic vibrational mode of oxygen functional groups. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy of CB and GO. (b) C 1*s* peaks and (c) O 1*s* peaks. Compared to CB, GO shows higher oxygen related peaks such as –OH, C=O, C-O and C-O-C at 3434 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1725 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1024-1180 cm<sup>-1</sup>, and 1200 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. In addition, the C 1*s* peak of CB is sharp and strong, while the peaks of GO at 286.27 and 287.18 cm<sup>-1</sup> are rather broad and weak. On the contrary, the O 1s peak of GO is stronger than that of CB.