## **Supporting Information**

## Excellent performance of carbon-coated $TiO_2/Li_4Ti_5O_{12}$ composite with low Li/Ti ratio for Li-ion storage

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**Fig. S1** TEM images of C-LTO (a, b) and C-TiO<sub>2</sub> (c, d).



**Fig. S2** Comparison between C-TLTO4-8 and TLTO4-8, including cycling performance at 100 mA g-1 (a), rate performance (b), and long-term cycling performance of C-TLTO4-8 at 500 mA g-1 after the rate performance test (c).



Fig. S3 CV plots of C-TLTO4-8 (a) and TLTO4-8 (b) at the scan rate of 0.3 mV s<sup>-1</sup> between

0.01 and 3.0 V for the initial three cycles in the same scale.



Fig. S4 Impedance spectra of C-TLTO4-8 and TLTO4-8 after cycling 60 times at 100 mA g<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S5** CV plots of TLTO4-8 at different scan rates between 0.01 and 3.0 V after the initial three cycles (a), and the relationship between the peak current of D, E and scan rate in C-TLTO4-8 and TLTO4-8 (b).