## Gelatin Assisted Wet Chemistry Synthesis of High Quality 8-FeOOH

## Nanorods Anchored on Graphene Nanosheets with Superior

## Lithium-ion Battery Application<sup>+</sup>

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Fig. S1 (a) SEM image of the  $\beta$ -FeOOH nanorods; (b) Length and (c) Diameter distribution histogram of the  $\beta$ -FeOOH nanorods.



Fig. S2 TEM image of pure graphene oxides (GO).



Fig. S3 (a) FTIR and (b) Raman spectra of  $\beta$ -FeOOH nanorods and  $\beta$ -FeOOH/rGO hybrid nanostructures.



**Fig. S4** Electrochemical performance of pure  $\beta$ -FeOOH nanorods for lithium ion battery application. (a) CV curves at a scan rate of 0.50 mV/s; (b) Charge/discharge curves cycling at a current density of 0.10 A/g; (c) Cycling performance at a current density of 0.10 A/g; (d) Rate ability at different current densities.



**Fig. S5** Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm for  $\beta$ -FeOOH/rGO hybrid nanostructures. The surface area for  $\beta$ -FeOOH/rGO is calculated to ~88.48 m<sup>2</sup>/g.



Fig. S6 TEM image of the  $\beta$ -FeOOH/rGO sample after 100 cycles at 0.1 A/g.