Supplementary Information

Comparison of porous carbons derived from sodium alginate and

calcium alginate and their electrochemical properties

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Fig.S1 Micropore size distributions of SA-AC-2 and CA-AC-2 (a) and SA-AC-3 and CA-AC-3 (b).



Fig.S2 Mesopore size distributions of charcoals determined by BJH method.



Fig.S3 CV curves of SA-AC-2 and CA-AC-2 (a) and SA-AC-3 and CA-AC-3 (b) at various scan rates.



Fig.S4 GCD curves of SA-AC-2 (a), CA-AC-2 (b), SA-AC-3 (c), CA-AC-3 (d), SA-AC-4 (e) and CA-AC-4 (f) at various current densities.



Fig.S5 Nyquist plots for SA-AC-2 and CA-AC-2 (a) and SA-AC-3 and CA-AC-3 (b). Insets provide the data at high frequency.



Fig.S6 Cycle performance curves of SA-AC-2 and CA-AC-2 (a) and SA-AC-3 and CA-AC-3 (b) at the current density of 5 A g^{-1} .

| | SA-AC-2 | CA-AC-2 | SA-AC-3 | CA-AC-3 | SA-AC-4 | CA-AC-4 |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Current density | Mass specific capacitance | | | | | |
| A g ⁻¹ | F g ⁻¹ | | | | | |
| 0.1 | 209.5 | 203.0 | 223.9 | 251.9 | 312.9 | 304.3 |
| 0.2 | 201.7 | 194.5 | 212.7 | 239.0 | 295.6 | 286.3 |
| 0.5 | 195.7 | 187.8 | 205.3 | 229.9 | 283.2 | 274.5 |
| 1 | 191.0 | 182.8 | 199.8 | 223.5 | 274.1 | 265.9 |
| 2 | 184.0 | 176.0 | 192.2 | 215.1 | 262.3 | 254.3 |
| 5 | 176.1 | 167.9 | 183.0 | 204.2 | 248.8 | 240.4 |
| 10 | 162.6 | 153.5 | 171.0 | 190.1 | 232.0 | 220.5 |
| 20 | 144.2 | 141.7 | 153.9 | 165.3 | 207.4 | 194.0 |
| 30 | 124.4 | 124.1 | 133.7 | 135.8 | 185.9 | 168.9 |
| 40 | 105.9 | 109.0 | 119.1 | 122.5 | 165.5 | 139.3 |
| 50 | 92.2 | 92.0 | 101.6 | 95.8 | 144.8 | 118.2 |

Table S1 Mass specific capacitance of charcoals at various current densities.