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Supporting Information

Transformation of hollow ZnFe-ZIF-8 nanocrystals into hollow ZnFe-N/C

electrocatalyst for oxygen reduction reaction

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Figure S1. XRD patterns of (a) ZIF-8, ZnFe-ZIF-8-1, ZnFe-ZIF-8-2, ZnFe-ZIF-8-3 and ZnFe-ZIF-8-4 samples; SEM iamges of (b) ZIF-8, (c) ZnFe-ZIF-8-1, (d) ZnFe-ZIF-8-2, (e) ZnFe-ZIF-8-3, and (f) ZnFe-ZIF-8-4 samples.



Figure S2. XRD patterns of (a) Zn-N/C, ZnFe-N/C-1, ZnFe-N/C-2, ZnFe-N/C-3 and ZnFe-N/C-4 samples; SEM iamges of (b) Zn-N/C, (c) ZnFe-N/C-1, (d) ZnFe-N/C-2, (e) ZnFe-N/C-3, and (f) ZnFe-N/C-4 samples.



Figure S3. EDS mapping of (a) ZnFe-ZIF-8-3 and (b) ZnFe-N/C-3 samples.



Figure S4. TEM images of H_2SO_4 -leached-ZnFe-N/C-3 samples under different resolutions.



Figure S5. (a) Full XPS spectra of ZIF-8, Zn-N/C, ZnFe-ZIF-8-3 and ZnFe-N/C-3 samples; (b) C 1s XPS spectrum of ZnFe-N/C-3.



Figure S6. Nyquist plots of Zn-N/C, ZnFe-N/C-1, ZnFe-N/C-2, ZnFe-N/C-3, ZnFe-N/C-4.



Figure S7. XRD pattern of ZnFe-N/C-3-KOH sample.



Figure S8. ORR polarization curves of as-prepared and KOH-leached (a), H_2SO_4 -leached (b) ZnFe-N/C-3 measured in 0.1M KOH.



Figure S9. (a) ORR polarization curves of ZnFe-N/C-3 catalyst in O₂-saturated 0.5M H₂SO₄ with or without 0.01M KSCN. (b) Time-dependent ORR polarization curves of SCN⁻ poisoned ZnFe-N/C-3 measured in 0.1M KOH.

 Table S1. Elemental analysis (wt%) dates of ZnFe-ZIF-8-3 and ZnFe-N/C-3 obtained from ICP.

| ICP(wt %) | | | | |
|-----------|--------------|------------|--|--|
| Element | ZnFe-ZIF-8-3 | ZnFe-N/C-3 | | |
| Fe | 2.6 | 19.2 | | |
| Zn | 12.6 | 6.4 | | |

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| Sample | S _{BET} (m ² /g) | S _{micro} (m ² /g) | S _{exteral} (m ² /g) | Volume(cm ³ /g) |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------|
| ZIF-8 | 2036 | 1987 | 48 | 0.9 |
| ZnFe-ZIF-8-3 | 853 | 784 | 68 | 0.6 |
| Zn-N/C | 52 | 0 | 52 | 0.16 |
| ZnFe-N/C-3 | 176 | 0.87 | 175 | 1 |

Table S2. Properties of samples obtained from N_2 sorption measurements.