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Supplementary Information

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Catalyst	Substrate	<i>V_{max(}</i> 10 ⁻⁸ M⋅s ⁻¹)	<i>K_m</i> (mM)	Ref.	
α-Fe ₂ O ₃ @CoNi	ТМВ	13.5	0.23	This work	
	H_2O_2	9.3	0.42		
Fe SSN	ТМВ	20.4	0.53	[1]	
	H_2O_2	13.2	0.36		
CDs@ZIF-8-a	ТМВ	1.95	0.232	[2]	
	H_2O_2	1.22	0.737		
CB-CQDs	тмв	5.13	0.83	[3]	
	H_2O_2	4.09	0.70		
Co ₉ S ₈	ТМВ	99	1.64	[4]	
	H_2O_2	35	7.39		
Por-NiCo ₂ S ₄	ТМВ	34.86	0.3	[5]	
	H_2O_2	4.32	4.5		
HRP	ТМВ	10	0.43	[6]	
	H_2O_2	8.71	3.70		

Table S1. Comparison of Kinetic parameters (K_m and V_{max}).

No.	Method	Materials	Linear Rang(µM)	LOD(µM)	Ref.
1	Colorimetry	Pt/CdS	1.0-10	0.165	[7]
2	Colorimetry	$ZnO/ZnFe_2O_4$	0-150	3.75	[6]
3	Colorimetry	NiCo ₂ O ₄	5-110	2.70	[8]
4	Fluorescence	SiQDs	6-100	2.63	[9]
5	Fluorescence	g-CNQDs	0.5-11.6	0.04	[10]
6	Fluorescence	N/S/P-codoped CDs	0.56-375	0.16	[11]
7	ECL	MOF-rGO	10-200	0.66	[12]
8	ECL	Cotfpp/GO/GCE	1-200	0.21	[13]
9	ECL	CoFe ₂ Se ₄ /PCF	0.5-200	0.13	[14]
10	Colorimetry	α -Fe ₂ O ₃ @CoNi	0.5-30	0.16	This work

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19 Fig. S1 Optimization of Co, Ni and EDTA dosage (A, B, C), synthesis temperature and

20 time (D and E), (inset) the oxTMB of corresponding absorption spectra.





22 Fig. S3 The FT-IR spectra of α -Fe₂O₃@CoNi, commercial Fe₂O₃ and EDTA.



23 **Fig. S4** The UV-vis absorption spectrum of commercial Fe_2O_3 , α - Fe_2O_3 @Co, α -24 Fe_2O_3 @Ni and α - Fe_2O_3 @CoNi in TMB/H₂O₂ system. (inset) The color of 25 corresponding solutions. (a) TMB+H₂O₂+ α -Fe_2O_3@CoNi, (b) TMB+H₂O₂+ Fe_2O_3 (c) 26 TMB+H₂O₂+ α -Fe₂O₃@Ni, (c) TMB+H₂O₂+ α -Fe₂O₃@Co.



28 Fig. S5 Effects of temperature (A) and pH (B) on the catalytic activity of α -

29 Fe₂O₃@CoNi.



31 Fig. S6 Effects of type and concentration of buffer solution (A, B), concentration of α -

32 Fe_2O_3@CoNi (C), dosage of TMB (D) and H_2O_2 (E) on the catalytic activity of $\alpha\text{-}$



35 **Fig. S7** The UV-vis absorption spectrum of hydroquinone (30 μ M) and Catechol (30 μ M) in α -Fe₂O₃@CoNi/TMB/H₂O₂ system and blank control.



38 **Fig. S8** The UV-vis absorption spectrum of $TMB+H_2O_2+\alpha$ -Fe₂O₃@CoNi system with 39 different alumina additions (a, blank; b-f, 0.1-0.5g alumina added into 2 mL 0.006 M 40 HQ solution; g, catechol solution before alumina treatment; h-i, HQ solution before 41 and after alumina treatment, respectively).



43 Fig. S9 The effect of isopropyl alcohol (IPA) on the catalytic activity of α -Fe₂O₃@CoNi.

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