

## Supporting Information

### **Morphology engineering of Atomic Layer Defect-Rich CoSe<sub>2</sub> Nanosheets for Highly Selective Electrosynthesis of Hydrogen Peroxide**

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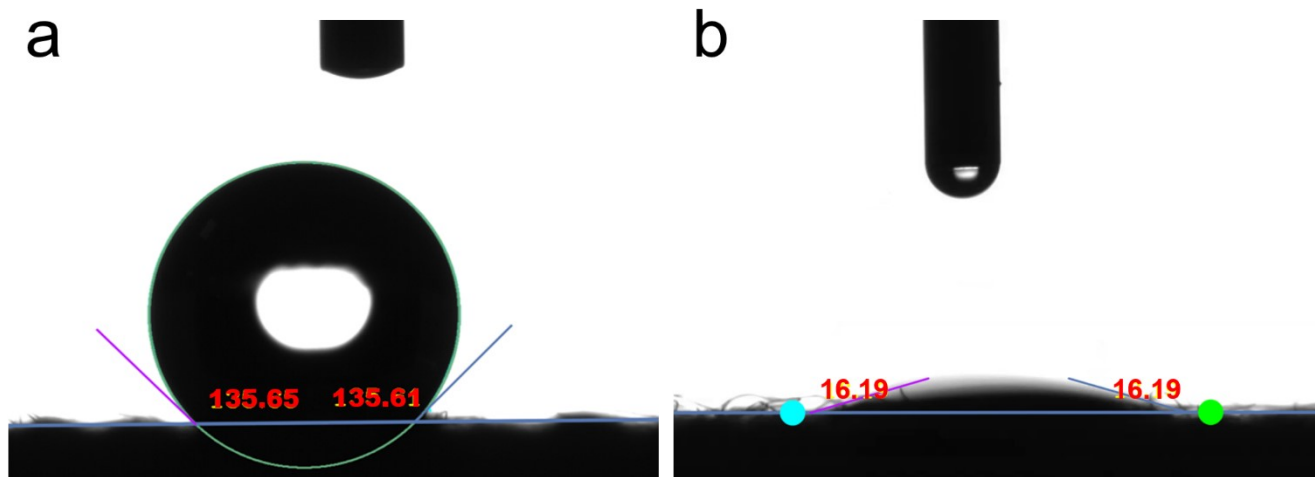
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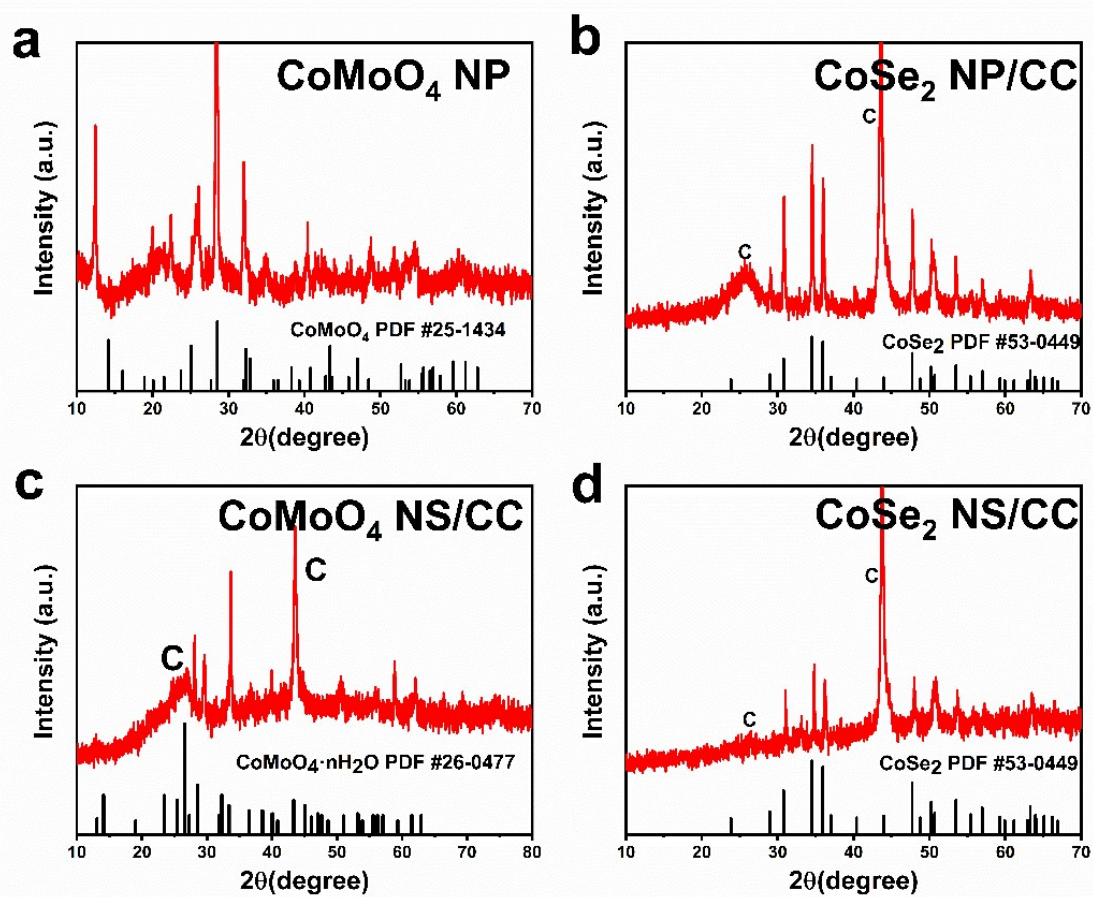
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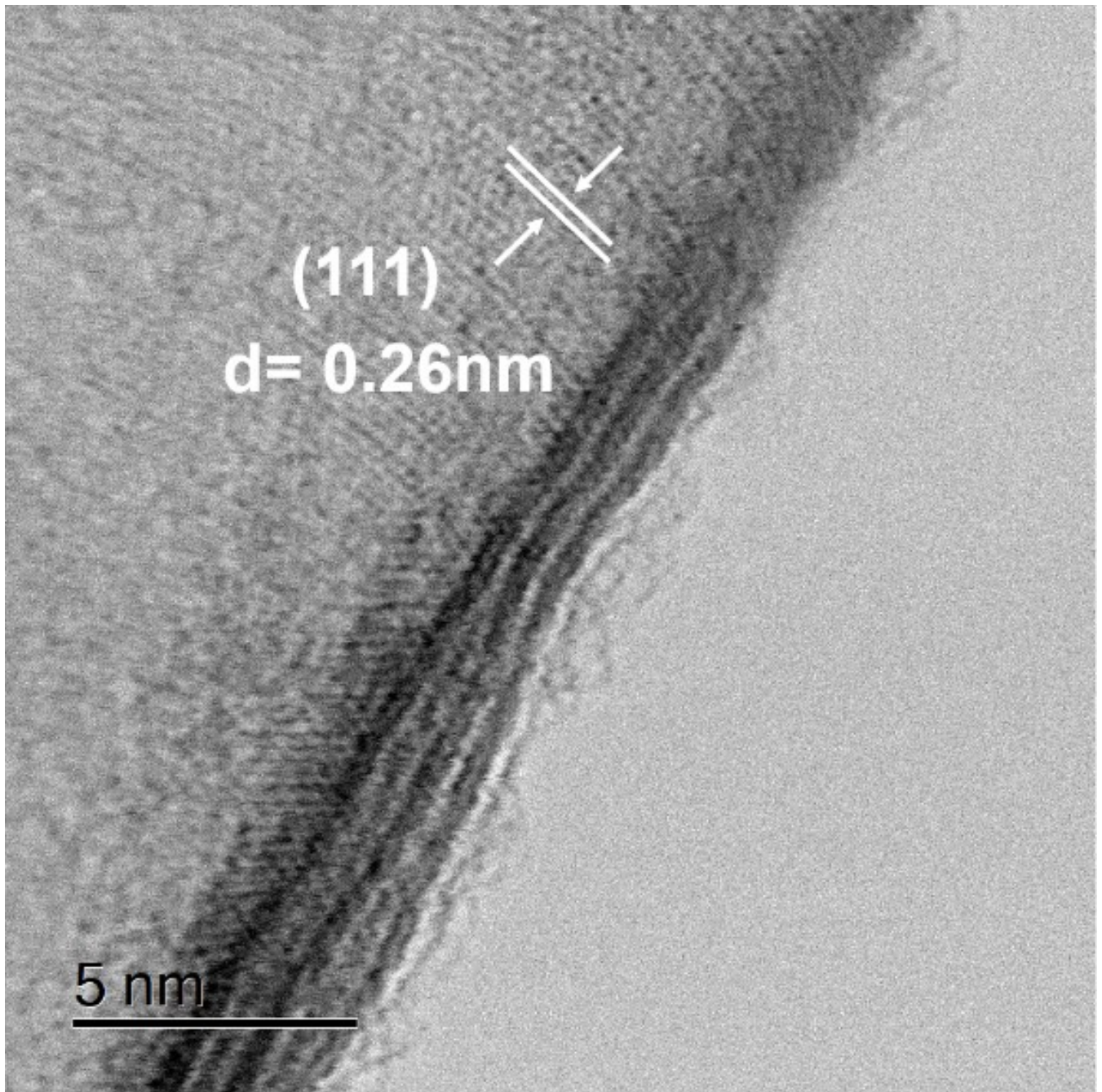
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**Figure S1.** The water contact angles of (a) hydrophobic carbon cloth and (b) hydrophilic carbon cloth.



**Figure S2.** XRD patterns of (a) CoMoO<sub>4</sub> NP; (b) CoSe<sub>2</sub> NP/CC; (c) CoMoO<sub>4</sub> NS/CC; (d) CoSe<sub>2</sub> NS/CC.



**Figure S3.** High-resolution TEM images of CoSe<sub>2</sub> NS/CC

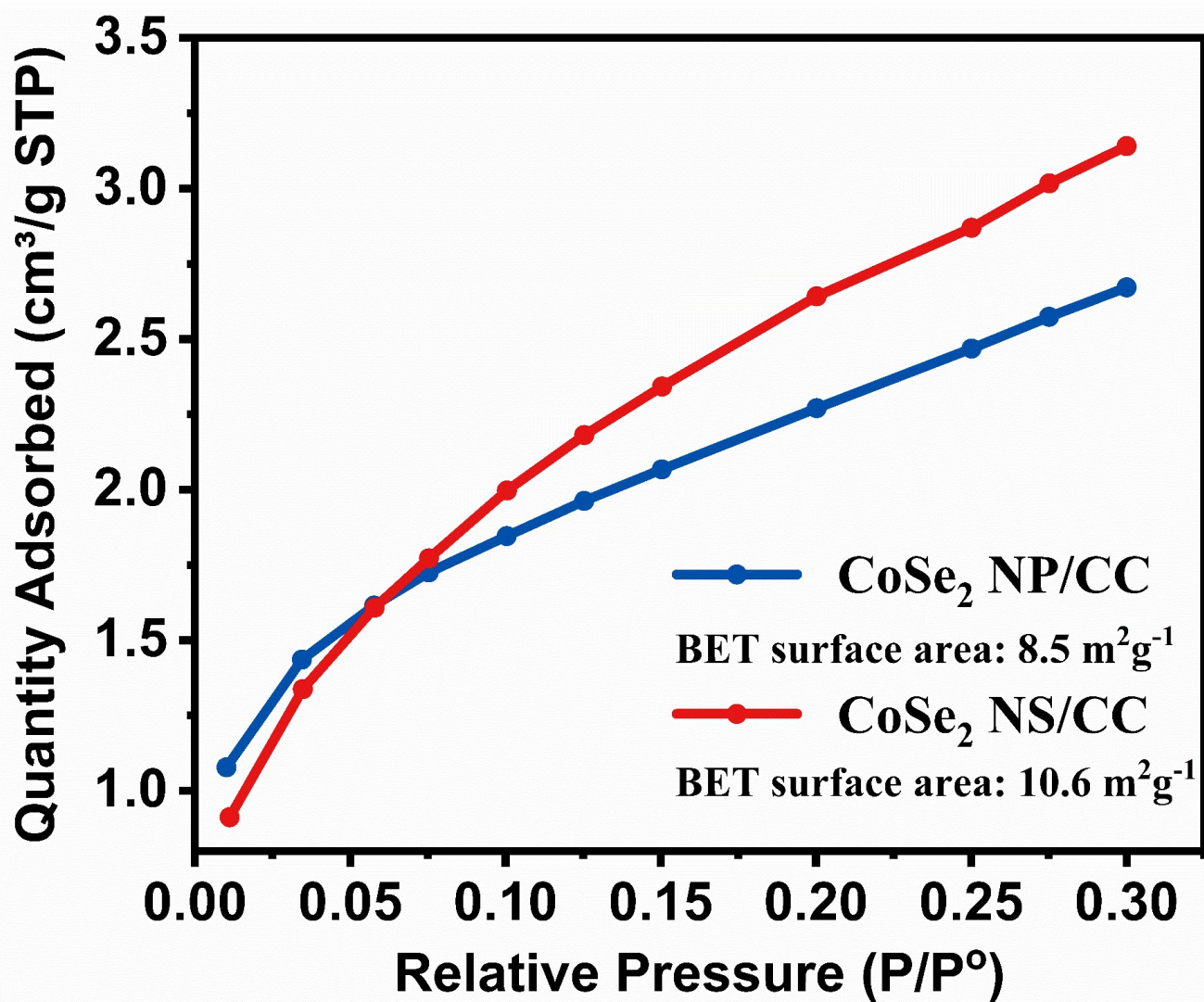


Figure S4. Nitrogen adsorption isotherms of CoSe<sub>2</sub> NS/CC and CoSe<sub>2</sub> NP/CC at 77K.

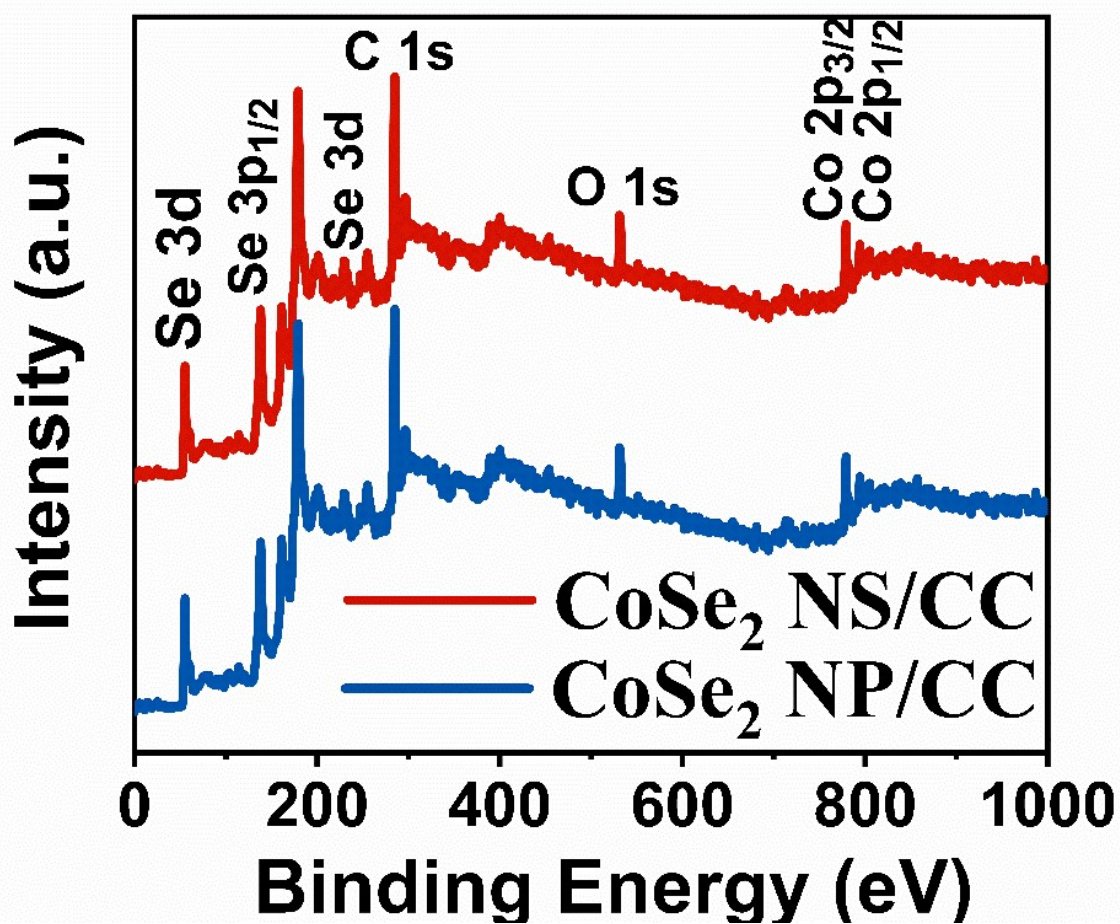
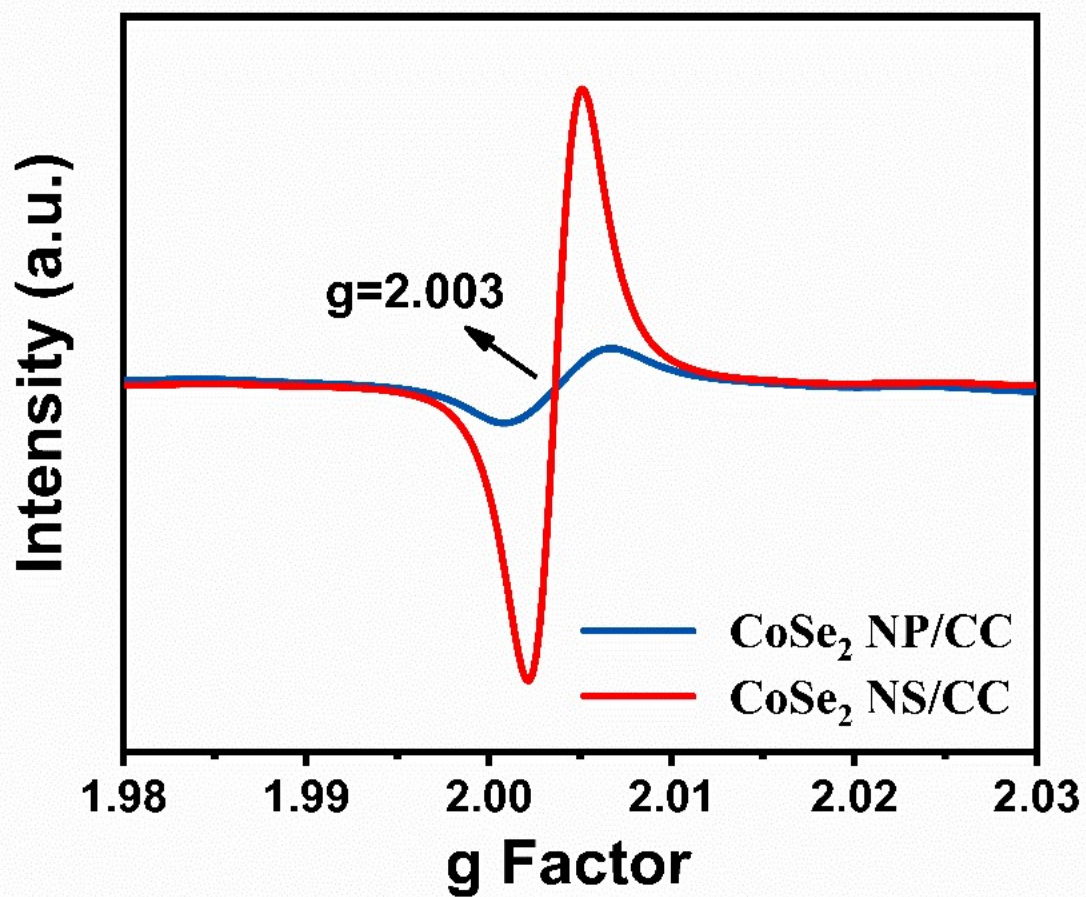


Figure S5. XPS survey spectrum of CoSe<sub>2</sub> NS/CC and CoSe<sub>2</sub> NP/CC.



**Figure S6.** The EPR spectra of CoSe<sub>2</sub> NS/CC and CoSe<sub>2</sub> NP/CC.

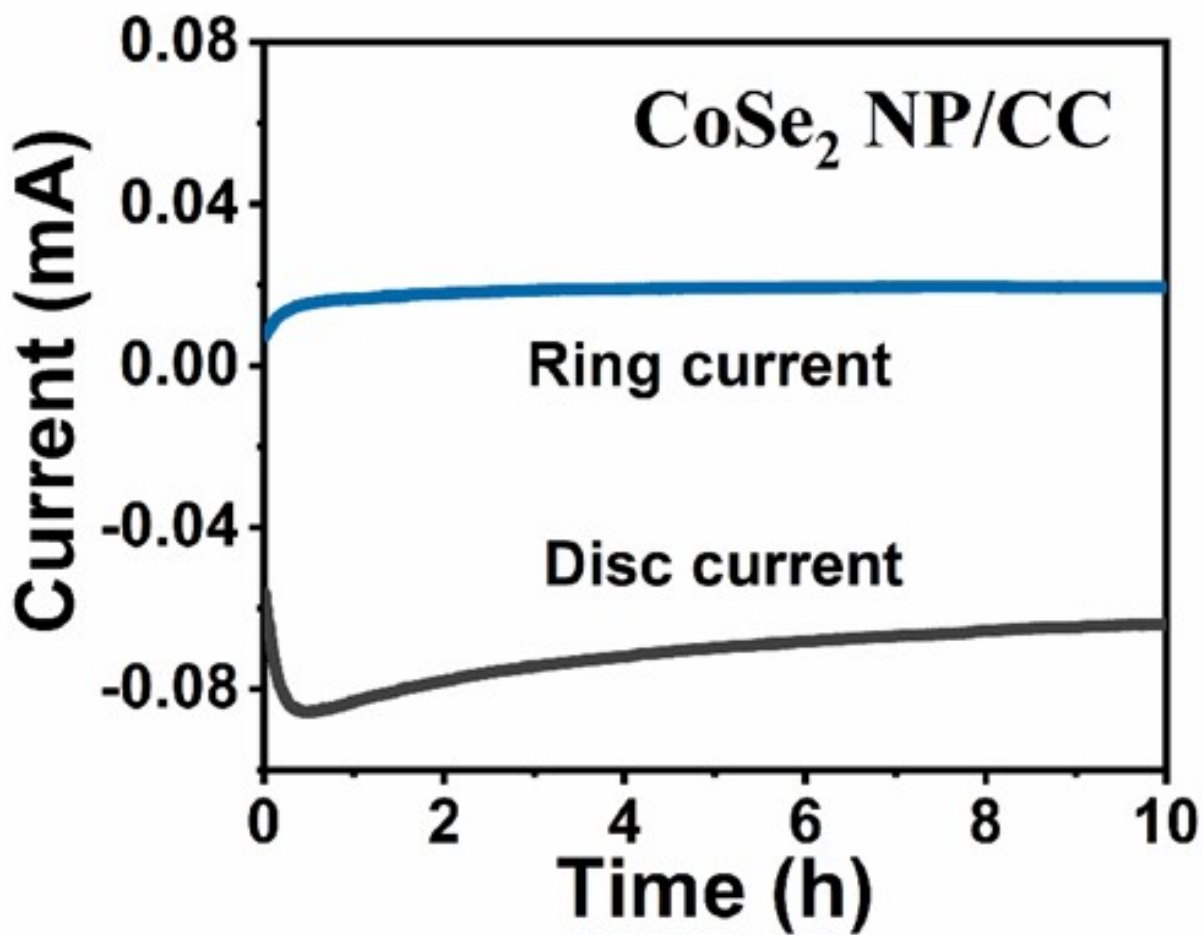
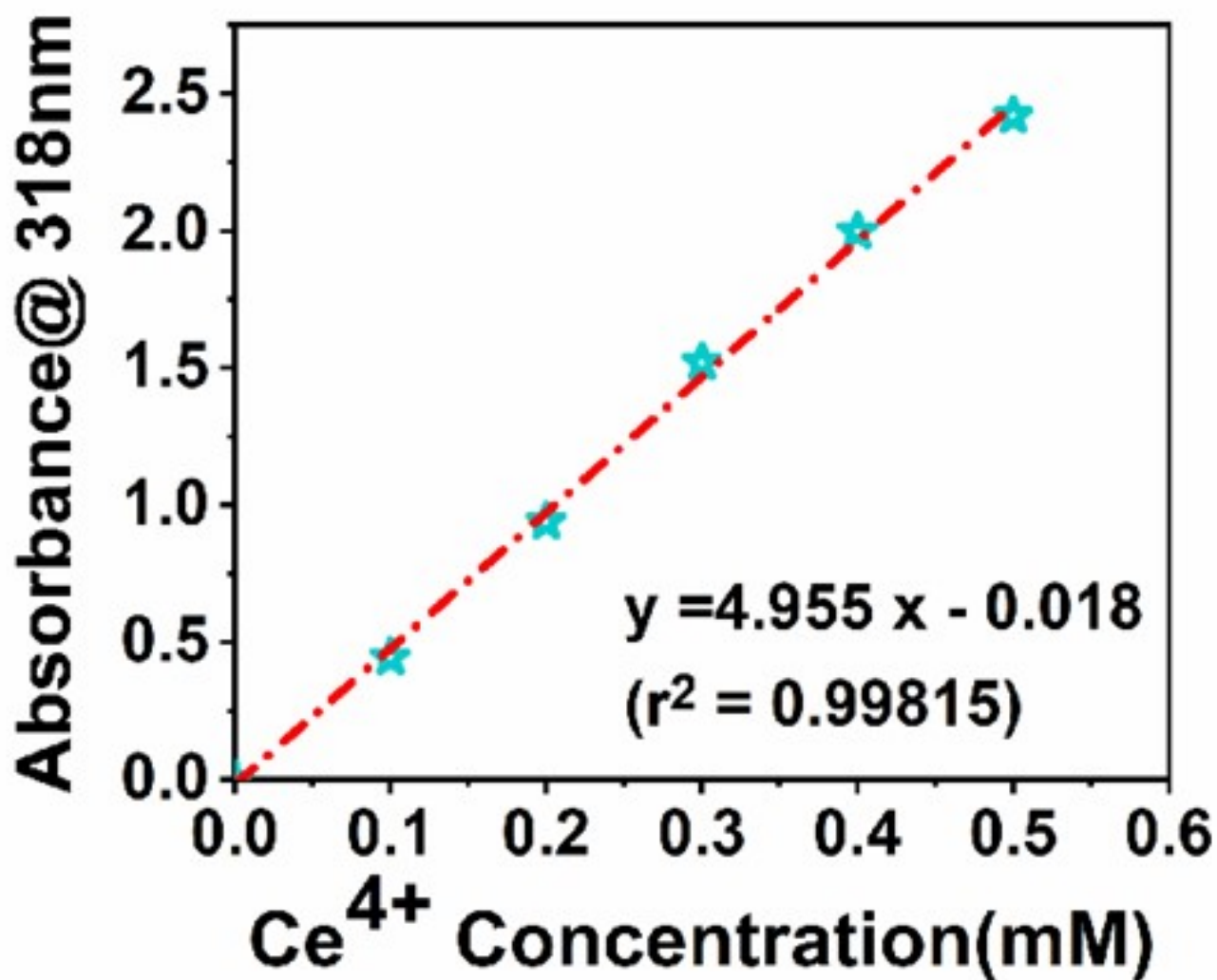
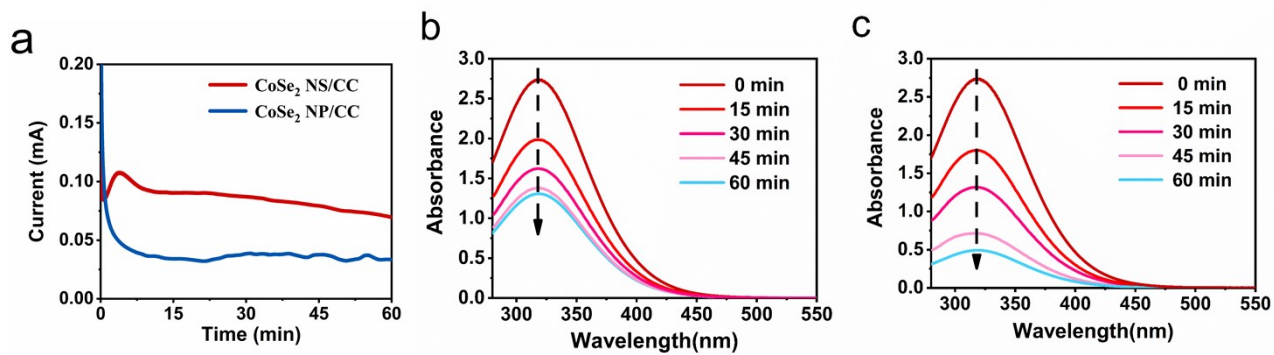


Figure S7. Stability measurements of CoSe<sub>2</sub> NP/CC at 0.1 M KOH.

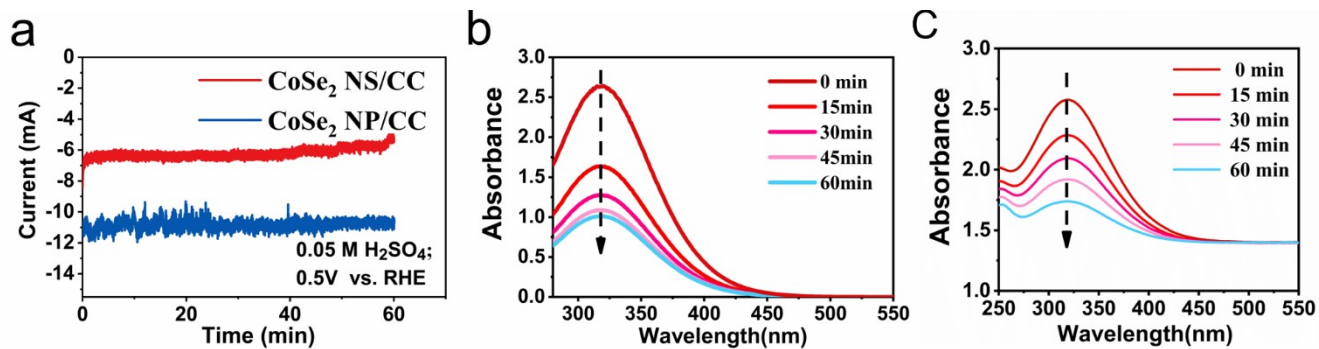




**Figure S8.** Linear calibration curve for UV-Visible spectra of the different concentrations of the cerium titration solution (up to 0.5 mM).



**Figure S9.** (a)  $I-t$  profile of CoSe<sub>2</sub> NS/CC and CoSe<sub>2</sub> NP/CC under a constant voltage of 0.76 V for practical H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> electrosynthesis in 0.1 M KOH solution. UV-Visible spectra indicating the generated H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentration every 15 min under 0.1 M KOH: (b) CoSe<sub>2</sub> NP/CC and (c) CoSe<sub>2</sub> NS/CC.



**Figure S10.** (a)  $I-t$  profile of CoSe<sub>2</sub> NS/CC and CoSe<sub>2</sub> NP/CC under a constant voltage of 0.5 V for practical H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> electrosynthesis in 0.05 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution. UV/Visible spectra indicating the generated H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentration every 15 min under 0.05 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>: (b) CoSe<sub>2</sub> NS/CC and (c) CoSe<sub>2</sub> NP/CC.

**Table S1.** Activity and selectivity comparison of the CoSe<sub>2</sub> NS/CC catalyst with Co-based catalysts and precious metals for electrochemical oxygen reduction to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.

Catalyst	Electrolyte (Volume)	Onset Potential	Selectivity	Time	Reference
<b>CoSe<sub>2</sub> NS/CC</b>	<b>0.1M KOH</b>	<b>0.72V</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>10h</b>	<b>This work</b>
CoSe <sub>2</sub> NP/CC	0.1MKOH	0.71V	72%	10h	This work
Co <sub>1</sub> -NG(O)	0.1 M KOH	0.75V	80%	110h	1
Co-POC-O	0.1M KOH	0.78V	84%	10h	2
Co-N-C	0.5M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	0.65V	~80%	6h	3
Co-NC	0.1M HClO <sub>4</sub>	0.65V	>90%	10h	4
o-CoSe <sub>2</sub> /CFP	0.05M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	~0.7V	83%	6h	5
CoS <sub>2</sub> nanowires	0.05M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	0.69V	70%	1h	6
Au-Pt-Ni	0.1 M KOH	0.65 V	~95%	10h	7

**Table S2.** H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> production rate comparison of various catalysts in alkaline solution.

Catalysts	Voltage	Production Rate (mg L <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> )	Reference
<b>CoSe<sub>2</sub> NS/CC</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>1227</b>	<b>This work</b>
CoSe <sub>2</sub> NP/CC	0.76	782	This work
Co-POC-O	1.5	813	2
Ni-LDH C/CNSs	1.2	356.3	8
Fe-CNT	0.38	461	9
Co <sub>1</sub> -NG(O)	0.58	242	1
aCB	0.8	20	10
Au-Pt-Ni	0.5	2.22	7

**Table S3.** H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> production rate comparison of various catalysts in acidic solution.

Catalysts	Voltage	Production Rate (mg L <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> )	Reference
<b>CoSe<sub>2</sub> NS/CC</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>This work</b>
CoSe <sub>2</sub> NP/CC	0.5	454	This work
CoS <sub>2</sub>	0.5	148.3	6
O-CoSe <sub>2</sub>	0.5	90	5
HE-CoN/CNTs	1.2	748	11
g-N-CNH	0.38	1	12
RF-AQNC	0.1	432	13
Pt/HSC	0	2.65	14

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