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**Scalable production of reduced graphene oxide via biowaste valorisation:
An efficient oxygen reduction reaction towards metal-free electrocatalysis**

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1) Results of Linear Sweep Voltammetry

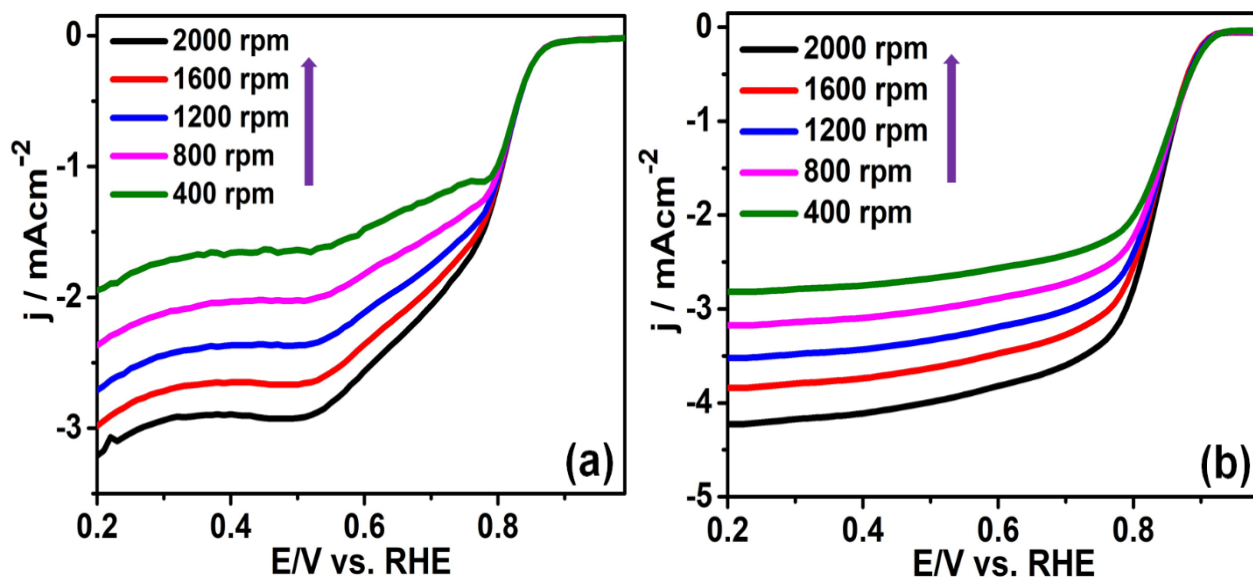


Fig. S1. LSV curves of (a) CS-rGO (b) Pt/C catalysts at different rotating speeds from 400 to 2000 rpm.

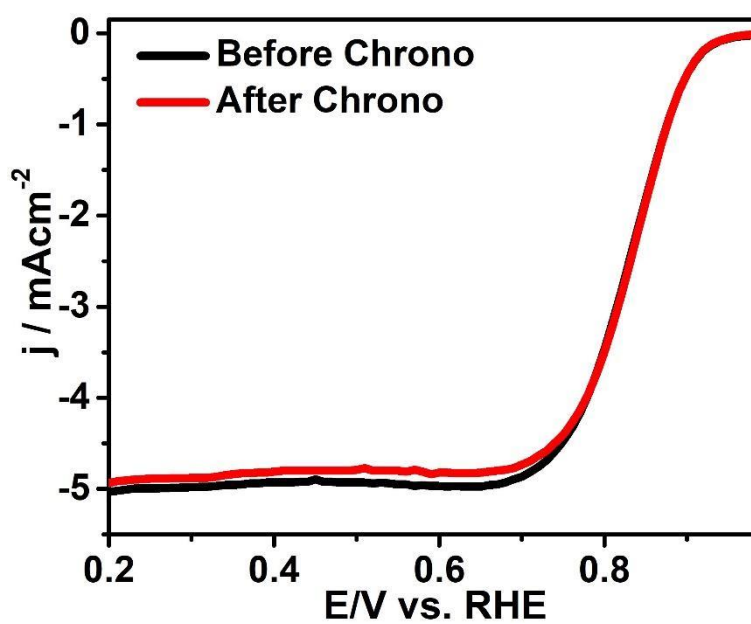


Fig. S2. LSV plots (at 2000 rpm) before and after chronoamperometry studies with NCS-rGO.

2) Computational study

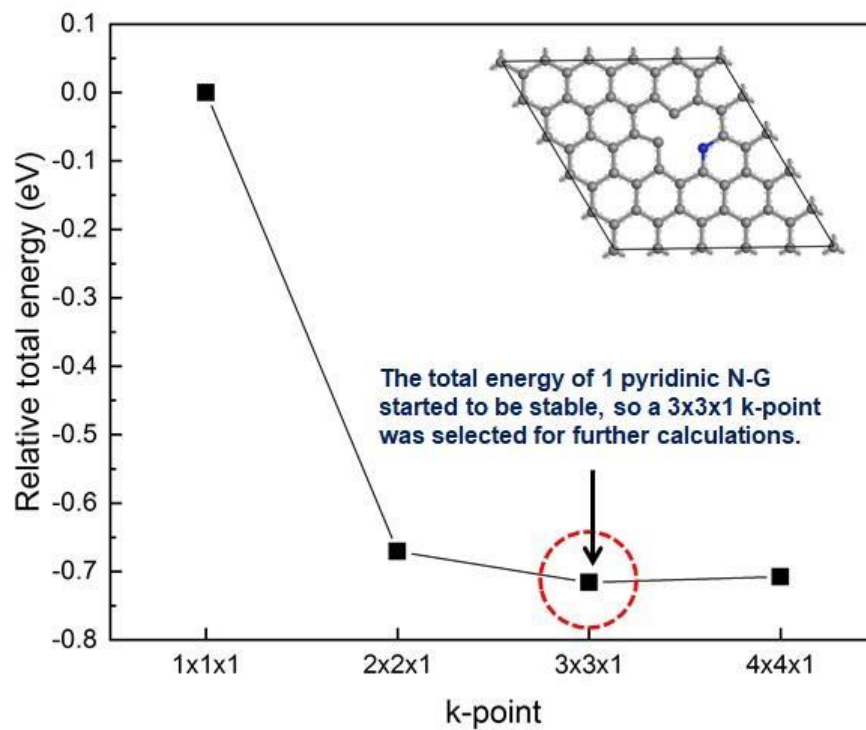


Fig. S3. Relative total energy of 1pyridinic N-G calculated by the PBE/DNP method at different k-points.

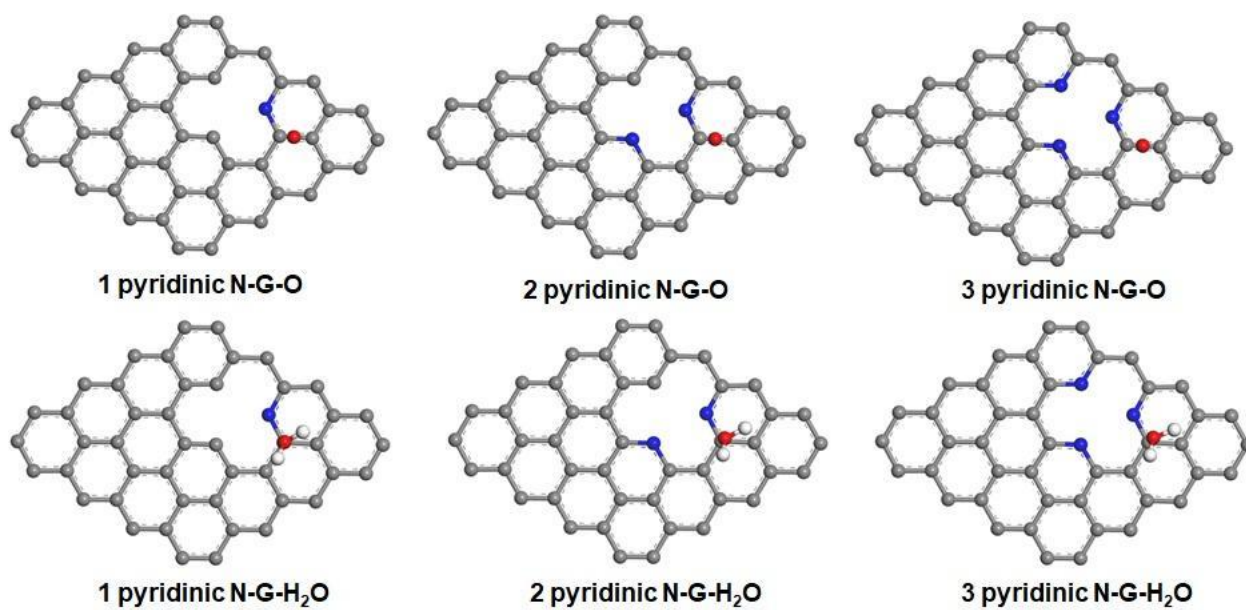


Fig. S4. Optimized geometries of the adsorption complexes composed of Q pyridinic N-G (Q = 1–3) and O or H₂O.