Nucleotide(s)-mediated simultaneous N, P co-doped reduced graphene oxide (N, P-rGO) porous nanohybrids as a high-performance electrode material for designing sustainable binder-free high-voltage (2.8 V) aqueous symmetric supercapacitor and electrochemical sensor



**Fig. S1.** Optical spectra of different nucleotide(s)-mediated reduction of GO (a); Optical spectra of GO and 5'-AMP-mediated-N, P-rGO (inset) digital photograph of GO (b') and N, P-rGO (b") (b); maximum absorption of N, P-rGO with time (c).



**Fig. S2.** Raman spectral comparison of different nucleotide(s) (5'-AMP, 5'-UMP, 5'-IMP, 5'-GMP and 5'-CMP)-mediated N, P- rGO in the wavenumber range of 500-3500 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Raman spectra of GO (a); Raman spectra of these samples extended in the wavenumber range of 1200-1800 cm<sup>-1</sup> (a').



**Fig. S3.** Linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) of three electrode system for different nucleotide(s)mediated N, P-rGO in 0.5 m K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (a), extended LSV Voltammograms in different potential window of these samples - Inset (a') (a"). A comparison of CVs of different nucleotide(s) (5'-AMP, 5'-UMP, 5'-IMP, 5'-GMP and 5'-CMP)-mediated N, P-rGO in the potential range of -1.4 to 1.2 V with a GO (b); CV plots of 5'-AMP mediated N, P-rGO as a function of variation in cathodic potential ranging from: -1.4 to 0 V (c)



**Fig. S4.** Capacitance ( $C_{dl}$ ) vs Frequency curve at frequency range of 0.01 H<sub>Z</sub> to 10<sup>6</sup> Hz obtained using the Nyquist plot.



Fig. S5. Impedance curves, inset: extended curves between 0-3 Ohm (a); CV measurements for SSC constructed from nucleotides 5'-CMP/ 5'-AMP/ 5'-GMP/ 5'-UMP and 5'-IMP-mediated N, P-rGO in 0.5 m  $K_2SO_4$  (b). CV voltammograms recorded at 100 mV/s scan rate GCD curves at 1 A/g current density (c).

| S.  | Nucleotide | Electrolyte | Cell    | Capacitance          | Energy     | Power                 | Coulombic  |
|-----|------------|-------------|---------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| No. |            |             | Voltage | (F g <sup>-1</sup> ) | density (W | density               | efficiency |
|     |            |             | (V)     |                      | h kg-1)    | (W kg <sup>-1</sup> ) |            |
| 1   | 5'-GMP     | 0.5 m       | 2.5     | 17.4                 | 15.1       | 624.8                 | 81.0       |
|     |            | $K_2SO_4$   |         |                      |            |                       |            |
| 2   | 5'-CMP     | 0.5 m       | 2.5     | 24.5                 | 24.2       | 624.8                 | 88.4       |
|     |            | $K_2SO_4$   |         |                      |            |                       |            |
| 3   | 5'-AMP     | 0.5 m       | 2.6     | 36.0                 | 33.9       | 644.9                 | 90.0       |
|     |            | $K_2SO_4$   |         |                      |            |                       |            |
| 4   | 5'-UMP     | 0.5 m       | 2.5     | 20.3                 | 17.6       | 624.8                 | 90.3       |
|     |            | $K_2SO_4$   |         |                      |            |                       |            |
| 5   | 5'-IMP     | 0.5 m       | 2.5     | 24.2                 | 21.0       | 624.8                 | 85.4       |
|     |            | $K_2SO_4$   |         |                      |            |                       |            |

**Table S1.** Electrochemical data for SSC, constructed from nucleotides 5'-CMP/5'-AMP/ 5'-GMP/5'-UMP/ 5'-IMP-mediated N, P-rGO, recorded using 0.5 m K2SO4 as an electrolyte.



**Fig. S6.** CV measurements for SSC constructed from nucleotides 5'-CMP/ 5'-AMP/ 5'-GMP/ 5'-UMP/ 5'-IMP-mediated N, P-rGO in 17 m NaClO<sub>4</sub>: CV voltammograms recorded at 100 mV/s scan rate (a); GCD curves at 1 A/g current density (b). Impedance curves, inset: extended curves between 0-3 Ohm (c).

**Table S2.** Electrochemical data for SSC, constructed from nucleotides 5'-CMP/ 5'-AMP 5'-GMP/5'-UMP/ 5'-IMP-mediated N, P-rGO, recorded using 17 m NaClO4 as an electrolyte.

| <b>S.</b> | Nucleotides | Electrolyte        | Cell    | Capacitance          | Energy  | Power                 | Coulombic  |
|-----------|-------------|--------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|-----------------------|------------|
| No.       |             |                    | Voltage | (F g <sup>-1</sup> ) | Density | Density               | efficiency |
|           |             |                    | (V)     |                      | (Whkg-  | (W kg <sup>-1</sup> ) |            |
|           |             |                    |         |                      | 1)      |                       |            |
| 1         | 5'-GMP      | 17 m               | 2.7     | 37.64                | 38.11   | 674.58                | 92.4       |
|           |             | NaClO <sub>4</sub> |         |                      |         |                       |            |
| 2         | 5'-CMP      | 17 m               | 2.7     | 42.70                | 43.23   | 674.56                | 90.2       |
|           |             | NaClO <sub>4</sub> |         |                      |         |                       |            |
| 3         | 5'-AMP      | 17 m               | 2.8     | 51.35                | 55.92   | 699.67                | 87.0       |
|           |             | NaClO <sub>4</sub> |         |                      |         |                       |            |
| 4         | 5'-UMP      | 17 m               | 2.7     | 44.44                | 44.99   | 674.58                | 90.6       |
|           |             | NaClO <sub>4</sub> |         |                      |         |                       |            |
| 5         | 5'-IMP      | 17 m               | 2.7     | 37.96                | 38.43   | 674.53                | 90.8       |
|           |             | NaClO <sub>4</sub> |         |                      |         |                       |            |



**Fig. S7.** SEM images of solid sample N, P-rGO (a) and GO (b), EDAX analysis and elemental composition of N, P-rGO (a') and GO (b"), respectively; elemental mapping of N, P-rGO.



Fig. S8. Thermogravimetric analysis of GO (a) and N, P-rGO (b).



Fig. S9. Linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) measurements for estimating electrode potential window of N, P-rGO in different electrolytes performed at a scanning speed of 10 mV/s using three-electrode set-up.



**Fig. S10.** Cyclic voltammograms recorded for bare graphite, GO, rGO and N, P-rGO (a) and their GCD at 1 A/g (b) with their C<sub>s</sub> values (F g<sup>-1</sup>) calculated to be: 43.8, 54.7, 144.1 and 227.5 respectively. Cyclic voltammograms recorded by varying reduction potential from 0 to -1.5 V in 17 m NaClO<sub>4</sub> (c).



**Fig. S11.** Linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) of three-electrode system were recorded at a scan rate of 10 mV/s in the used electrolytes 17 m NaClO<sub>4</sub> on a GCE as working electrode (a). Cyclic voltammograms recorded by varying reduction potential from 0 to -1.45 V in 17 m NaClO<sub>4</sub> (b) and CV recorded varied scan rate 10 mV/s to 200 mV/s (c).



**Fig. S12.** Cyclic voltammetry measurements performed using SSC, designed from 5'-AMP mediated- N, P-rGO as an electrode material: recorded in 3 m each KNO<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>COONa, NaNO<sub>3</sub>, NaClO<sub>4</sub> electrolytes at 100 mV/s scan rate (a); GCD curves recorded at 1 A/g current density in these electrolytes (b).



Fig. S13. Cyclic voltammetry measurements performed using SSC, designed from N, P-rGO as an electrode material in 7 m CH<sub>3</sub>COONa electrolyte: in varied range of cell voltages (1-2.5 V) at a scan speed of 100 mV/s (a), at different scan rates from 10-500 mV/s for cell voltage of 2.0 V (b); GCD curves recorded at different current density from 0.7 -10 A/g (c).



Fig. S14. CV measurements made for the SSC (using N, P-rGO as an electrode material) in the 11m NaNO<sub>3</sub> electrolyte: for a varied range of cell voltages (1-2.8 V) at a scan speed of 100 mV/s (a), at different scan rates from 10-500 mV/s (b); GCD for 2.3 V at different current density from 0.7 -15 A/g (c).



Fig. S15. CV measurements made for the SSC (using N, P-rGO as an electrode material) in the 3 m KNO<sub>3</sub> electrolyte: for a varied range of cell voltages (1-2.7 V) at a scan speed of 100 mV/s (a), at different scan rates from 10-500 mV/s (b); GCD for 2.3 V at different current density from 0.7 -15 A/g (c).

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**Fig. S16.** CV measurements made for the SSC (using N, P-rGO as an electrode material) in the 0.5 m  $K_2SO_4$  electrolyte: for a varied range of cell voltages (1-3.2 V) at a scan speed of 100 mV/s (a), at different scan rates from 10-500 mV/s (b); GCD for 2.6 V at different current density from 0.7 -15 A/g (c).

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**Fig. S17.** CV measurements made for the SSC (using N, P-rGO as an electrode material) in the 2 m  $Na_2SO_4$  electrolyte: for a varied range of cell voltages (1-3.2 V) at a scan speed of 100 mV/s (a), at different scan rates from 10-500 mV/s (b); GCD for 2.6 V at different current density from 0.7 -15 A/g (c).

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**Fig. S18.** CV measurements made for the SSC (using N, P-rGO as an electrode material) in the  $0.5 \text{ m Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  electrolyte: for a varied range of cell voltages (1-3.1 V) at a scan speed of 100 mV/s (a), at different scan rates from 10-500 mV/s (b); GCD for 2.5 V at different current density from 0.7 -15 A/g (c).

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**Fig. S19.** CV measurements made for the SSC (using N, P-rGO as an electrode material) in the 0.1 m KClO<sub>4</sub> electrolyte: for a varied range of cell voltages (1-2.5 V) at a scan speed of 100 mV/s (a), at different scan rates from 10-500 mV/s (b); GCD for 2.0 V at different current density from 0.7 -10 A/g (c).

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**Fig. S20.** CV measurements made for the SSC (using N, P-rGO as an electrode material) in the 0.1 m NaClO<sub>4</sub> electrolyte: for a varied range of cell voltages (1-2.5 V) at a scan speed of 100 mV/s (a), at different scan rates from 10-500 mV/s (b); GCD for 2.0 V at different current density from 0.7 -10 A/g (c).

| Electrolytes                           | Ice-like component  | Ice-like liquid               | Monomeric water     |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
|  | (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | component (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) |
| DIW                                    | 3235                | 3380                          | 3590                |
| K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (0.5 m) | 3238                | 3382                          | 3591                |
| $Na_2SO_4 (2 m)$                       | 3237                | 3378                          | 3589                |
| KNO <sub>3</sub> (3 m)                 | 3241                | 3384                          | 3590                |
| CH <sub>3</sub> COONa (7 m)            | 3327                | 3378                          | 3591                |
| NaNO <sub>3</sub> (11 m)               | 3249                | 3421                          | 3590                |
| NaClO <sub>4</sub> (17 m)              | 3246                | 3429                          | 3587                |

**Table S3.** ATR-FTIR data obtained for DIW and electrolytes at their maximum solubility: CH<sub>3</sub>COONa (7 m), NaClO<sub>4</sub> (17 m), NaNO<sub>3</sub> (11 m), KNO<sub>3</sub> (3 m), K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (0.5 m), and Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (2

m).

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Fig. S21. Extended ATR-FTIR spectra of DIW, 0.5 m Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and 0.5 m K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.

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**Fig. S22.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra in extended chemical shift range for: DIW,  $0.5 \text{ m Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and  $0.5 \text{ m K}_2\text{SO}_4$  (a); DIW, 7 m CH<sub>3</sub>COONa (satd.), 3 m KNO<sub>3</sub>, 11 m NaNO<sub>3</sub>, 17 m NaClO<sub>4</sub>, and 2 m Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (b); 17 m NaClO<sub>4</sub> to show the DSS reference peaks.

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Scheme S1. The representation of  $ClO_4^-(H_2O)_{16}$  cluster (a); and  $SO_4^{2-}(H_2O)_{16}$  (b).

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Fig. S23. Self-discharging of N, P-rGO in 17 m NaClO<sub>4</sub> electrolyte at a current density of 1 A/g.

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**Fig. S24.** Cyclic voltammograms recorded for N, P-rGO for single cell and by constructing tandem device by joining two and three SSC in series in 17 m NaClO<sub>4</sub> electrolyte at a scan rate of 100 mV/s (b); GCD curves recoded for the single cell and tandem device(s) in 17 m NaClO<sub>4</sub> at a current density of 5 A/g.

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**Fig. S25.** CV curves of tandem device constructed by joining three SSC in series of N, P-rGO in 17 m NaClO<sub>4</sub> electrolyte recorded at scan rates varying from10- 500 mV/s (a); GCD curves of tandem device in 17 m NaClO<sub>4</sub> at varied current densities of 0.7 - 15 A/g (b); Cyclic stability of a tandem device of the as-fabricated symmetric cell at 5 A/g (c).

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Fig. S26. CV curves of 50  $\mu$ M Dopamine (a), 50  $\mu$ M Serotonin (b) CV and DPV Simultaneous detection of Dopamine and serotonin respectively in 7.0 pH phosphate buffer (0.1 M).

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**Fig. S27.** CV curves of 50  $\mu$ M Dopamine (a), 30  $\mu$ M Serotonin (b) and corresponding current vs concentration plot (a') (b') respectively in 7.0 pH phosphate buffer (0.1 M).

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Black = Carbon, Red = Oxygen, Blue = Nitrogen, Yellow = Phosphorous and White = Hydrogen Scheme S2. Schematic representation of simultaneous sensing of Dopamine and Serotonin at the interface of N-P-rGO electrode.

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Black = Carbon, Red = Oxygen, Blue = Nitrogen, Yellow = Phosphorous and White = Hydrogen Scheme S3. Schematic illustration representing the synthesis of 5'-AMP-mediated porous N, PrGO nanohybrids and their use for investigating different electrochemical aspects.

|                  | Conducting  | Weight                 | Voltage | Electrolyte                         | Energy                  | Power    | Cycle stability                | Ref. |
|------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|------|
| Materials        | agent/      |                        | Range   |                                     | Density                 | Density  | (current density)              |      |
|                  | Binder      |                        | (V)     |                                     | (Whkg-1)                | (W kg-1) |                                |      |
| N, P-co-doped    | acetylene   | 2 mg                   | 1       | 6 M KOH                             | 26.289 (0.5             | Maximum  | 10000, 94.2% (10               | 10   |
| porous carbon    | black/      |                        |         |                                     | Ag <sup>-1</sup> )      | 3694.084 | A g <sup>-1</sup> )            |      |
|                  | *PVDF       |                        |         |                                     |                         |          |                                |      |
| N/P-co-doped     | Super P/    | 1.5 mg/                | 1.4     | 6 KOH                               | 9.1                     | 350      | 20000, 84.6% (5                | 11   |
| Porous Carbon-   | *PTFE       | electrode              |         |                                     |                         |          | A g <sup>-1</sup> )            |      |
| Coated Graphene  |             |                        |         |                                     |                         |          |                                |      |
| (KNPG)           |             |                        |         |                                     |                         |          |                                |      |
| Nitrogen,        | carbon      | 2 mg                   | 1.8     | 1 M                                 | 21.5                    | 250      | 100000, (2 A g <sup>-1</sup> ) | 12   |
| Phosphorus-co-   | black/ PTEF |                        |         | $Na_2SO_4$                          |                         |          |                                |      |
| doped Carbon     |             |                        |         |                                     |                         |          |                                |      |
| (NPC-800-2)      |             |                        |         |                                     |                         |          |                                |      |
| N, P-CQDs/rGO    | acetylene   | Coin used              | 1.3     | 6 M KOH                             | 15.69                   | 325      | 10000, 85.5% (5                | 13   |
|                  | black/ PTFE |                        |         |                                     |                         |          | A g <sup>-1</sup> )            |      |
| N/P-G-3          | carbon      | 1.5x1 cm <sup>-</sup>  | 1.6     | 1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>  | 11.33                   | 571      | 10000, 94% (5 A                | 14   |
|                  | black/ PVDF | <sup>1</sup> thin film |         |                                     |                         |          | g-1)                           |      |
| (NP-rGO)         | acetylene   | 3 mg                   | 1       | 6 M KOH                             | 22.3                    | 500      | 10000, 94.63%                  | 15   |
|                  | black       |                        |         |                                     |                         |          |                                |      |
|                  | /PVDF       |                        |         |                                     |                         |          |                                |      |
| N, P-co-doped    | -/ PTFE     | coin-cells             | 1       | 1 M                                 | 21                      | 50       | 10000, 95%                     | 16   |
| hierarchical     |             |                        |         | Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>     |                         |          |                                |      |
| porous carbon    |             |                        |         |                                     |                         |          |                                |      |
| Tremella-like    | acetylene   | 1.25 mg                | 2       | 2 M Li <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | 34.7                    | 500      | 20000, 91.4% (5                | 17   |
| nitrogen and     | black/ PTFE |                        |         |                                     |                         |          | A g <sup>-1</sup> )            |      |
| Phosphorus-co-   |             |                        |         |                                     |                         |          |                                |      |
| doped graphene   |             |                        |         |                                     |                         |          |                                |      |
| NPHCMs-65-800    | acetylene   | 3 mg                   | 1       | KOH/PVA                             | 6.4                     | 0.1 k    | 5000, 91% (0.5 A               | 18   |
|                  | black/ PTFE |                        |         | gel                                 |                         |          | g-1)                           |      |
| NP-PCNs-100      | -           | 0.192 mg               | 1.6     | 1 M                                 | 17.04                   | 400      | 10000, 90% (10 A               | 19   |
|                  |             |                        |         | Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>     |                         |          | g-1)                           |      |
| 1NPHC-           | Super P/    | 2 mg cm <sup>-1</sup>  | 1.6     | 1 M                                 | 10.61                   | 400      | 10000, 86.3% (5                | 20   |
| 850//1NPHC-850   | PTFE        |                        |         | $Na_2SO_4$                          |                         |          | A g <sup>-1</sup> )            |      |
| N/P-co-doped     | acetylene   | 3 mg                   | 1.3     | 6 KOH                               | 8.17                    | 162      | 20000, 86.5% (10               | 21   |
| graphene (NPG)   | black       |                        |         |                                     | (0.25Ag <sup>-1</sup> ) |          | A g <sup>-1</sup> )            |      |
|                  | (PTFE)      |                        |         |                                     |                         |          |                                |      |
| 5'-AMP-mediated- | -           | 2.2 mg                 | 2.8     | 17 m                                | 59.2                    | 489.6    | 10000, 115.2%                  | This |
| N, P co-doped    |             |                        |         | NaClO <sub>4</sub>                  |                         |          | $(10 \text{ A g}^{-1})$        | work |
| rGO              |             |                        |         |                                     |                         |          |                                |      |
| 5'-AMP-mediated  | -           | 5.2 mg                 | 2.8     | 17 m                                | 26.4                    | 819.7    | 10000, 93.6% (1                | This |
| N, P co-doped    |             |                        |         | NaClO <sub>4</sub>                  |                         |          | A g <sup>-1</sup> )            | work |
| rGO              |             |                        |         |                                     |                         |          |                                |      |

Table S4. A comparison of the present work with the literature reports with respect to supercapacitor behavior.

\*PVDF: -Polyvinylidene fluoride \*PTFE: -Polytetrafluoroethylene