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## Supplementary Information

### Inhibition of Mo-doping in Phase Transition from $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ to $\alpha\text{-MnO}_2$ and their Application in Aqueous Zinc-ion Batteries

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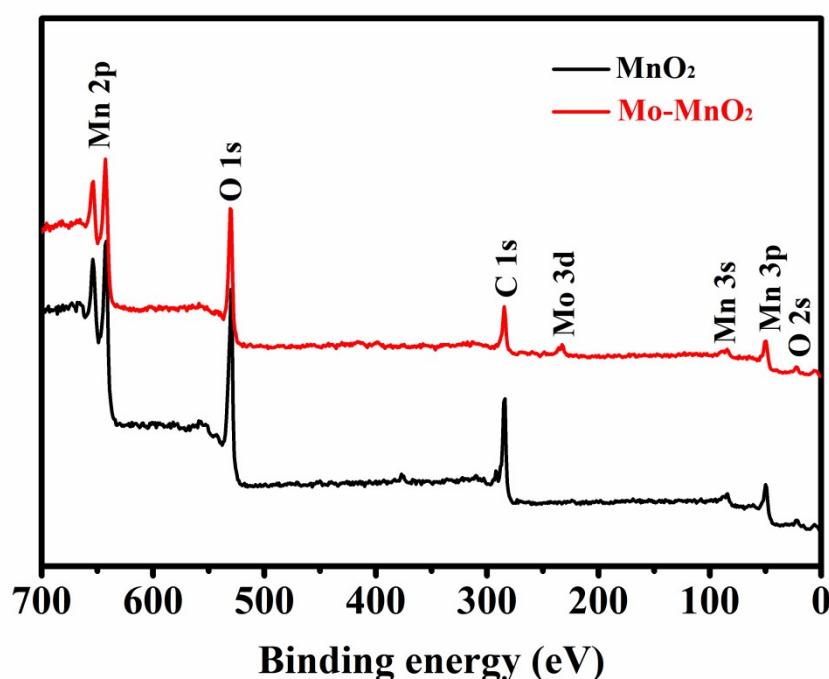


Fig. S1 XPS survey spectra of  $\text{MnO}_2$  and  $\text{Mo-MnO}_2$ .

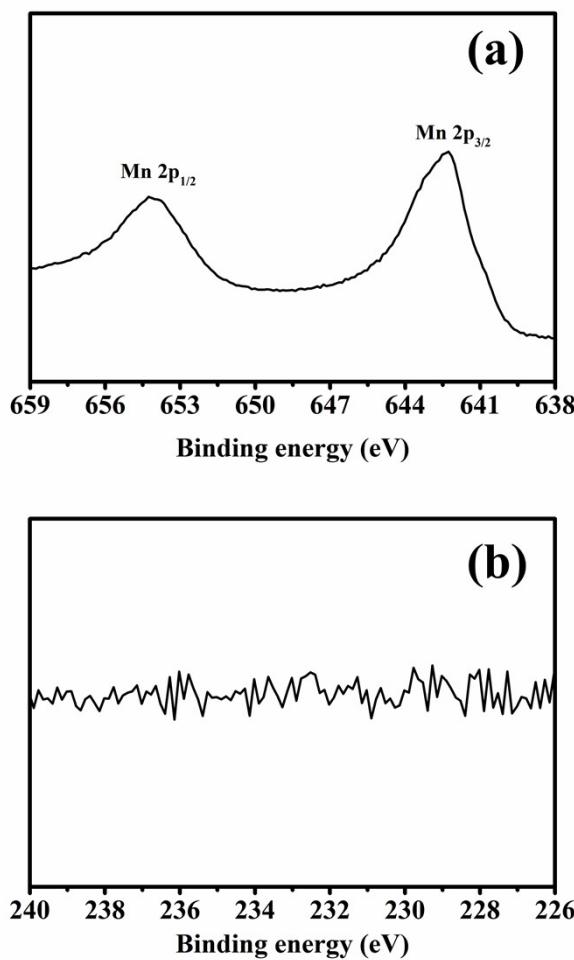


Fig. S2 High-resolution XPS spectra of (a) Mn 2p and (b) Mo 3d for MnO<sub>2</sub>.

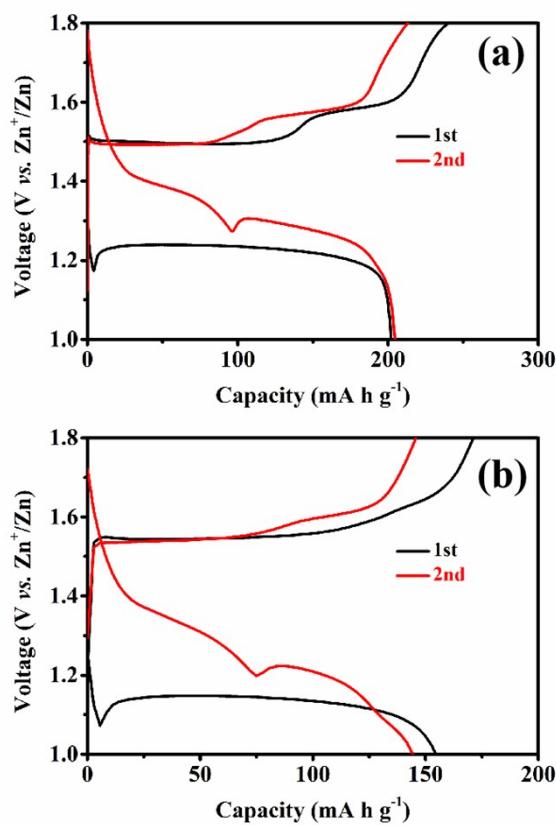


Fig. S3 Charge-discharge profiles of  $\text{MnO}_2$  at different current densities of (a) 200 and (b) 2000  $\text{mA g}^{-1}$ .

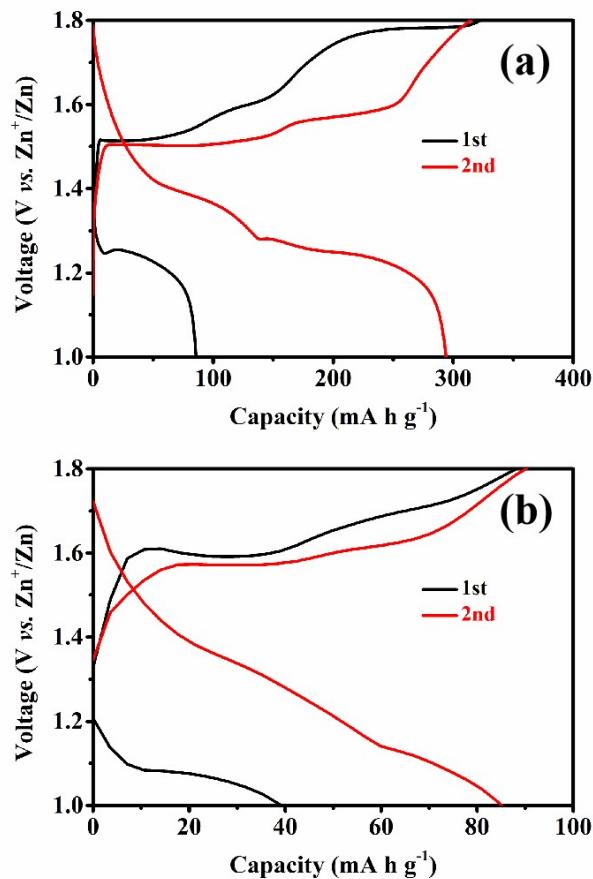
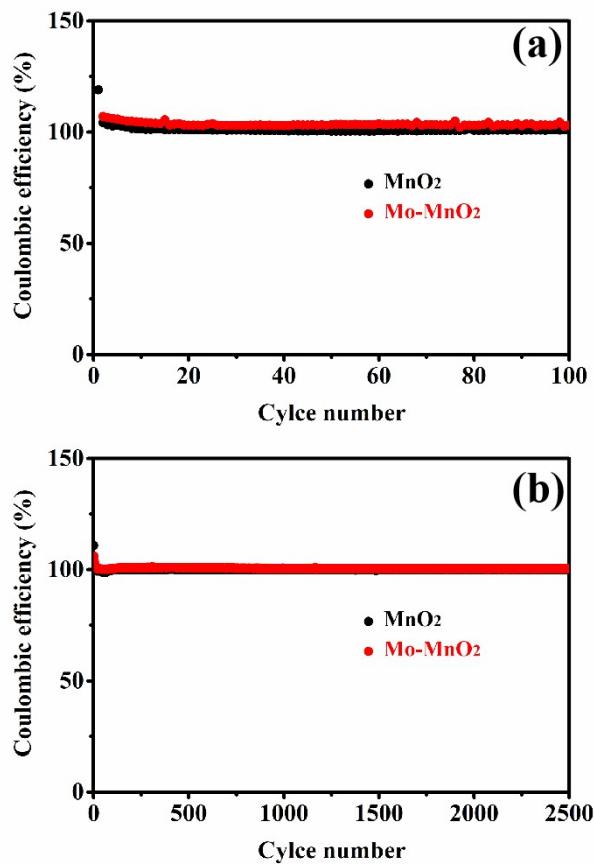


Fig. S4 Charge-discharge profiles of Mo-MnO<sub>2</sub> at different current densities of (a) 200 and (b) 2000 mA g<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S5** Coulombic efficiency of MnO<sub>2</sub> and Mo-MnO<sub>2</sub> at different current densities of (a) 200 and (b) 2000 mA g<sup>-1</sup>.

Table 1 Summary of discharge capacity for various  $\delta$ -MnO<sub>2</sub> as cathodes for AZIBs.

$\delta$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>	Discharge capacity (mA h g <sup>-1</sup> )	Current density (mA g <sup>-1</sup> )	Reference
Mo-MnO <sub>2</sub>	<b>353.5 (after 100 cycles)</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>This work</b>
	<b>72.6 (after 2500 cycles)</b>	<b>2000</b>	
Ultrathin $\delta$ -MnO <sub>2</sub> nanosheets	133 (after 100 cycles)	100	S1
Zn doped $\delta$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>	140 (after 100 cycles)	200	S2
	about 75 (after 500 cycles)	500	
Bi doped $\delta$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>	108 (after 5000 cycles)	3000	S3
$\delta$ -MnO <sub>2</sub> nanodots	335 (after 100 cycles)	50	S4
Mo-pre-intercalated MnO <sub>2</sub>	159 (after 1000 cycles)	1000	S5
$\delta$ -MnO <sub>2</sub> nanoflower/graphite	113.4 (after 100 cycles)	400	S6
K-pre-intercalated $\delta$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>	about 250 (after 100 cycles)	100	S7
	84 (after 1000 cycles)	1000	

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