

## Supporting Information

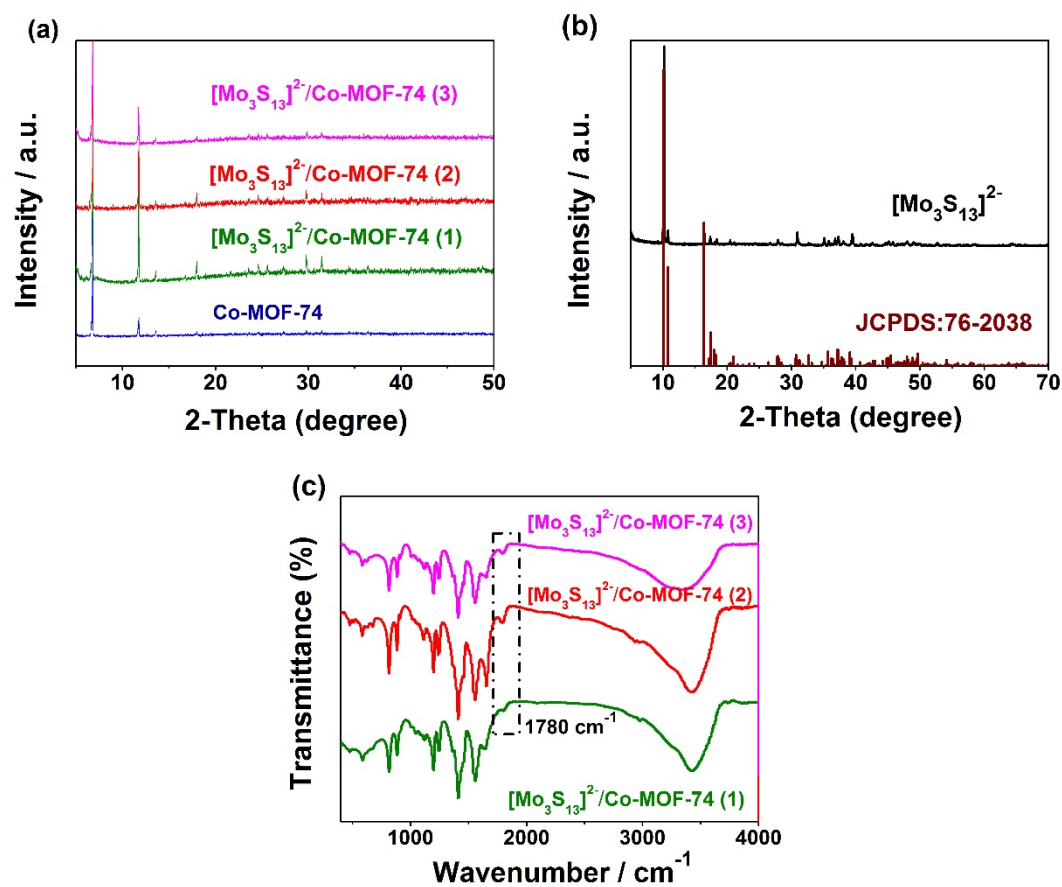
### **Morphology control synthesis of $[\text{Mo}_3\text{S}_{13}]^{2-}/\text{Co-MOF-74}$ composite catalysts and their application in the oxygen evolution reaction**

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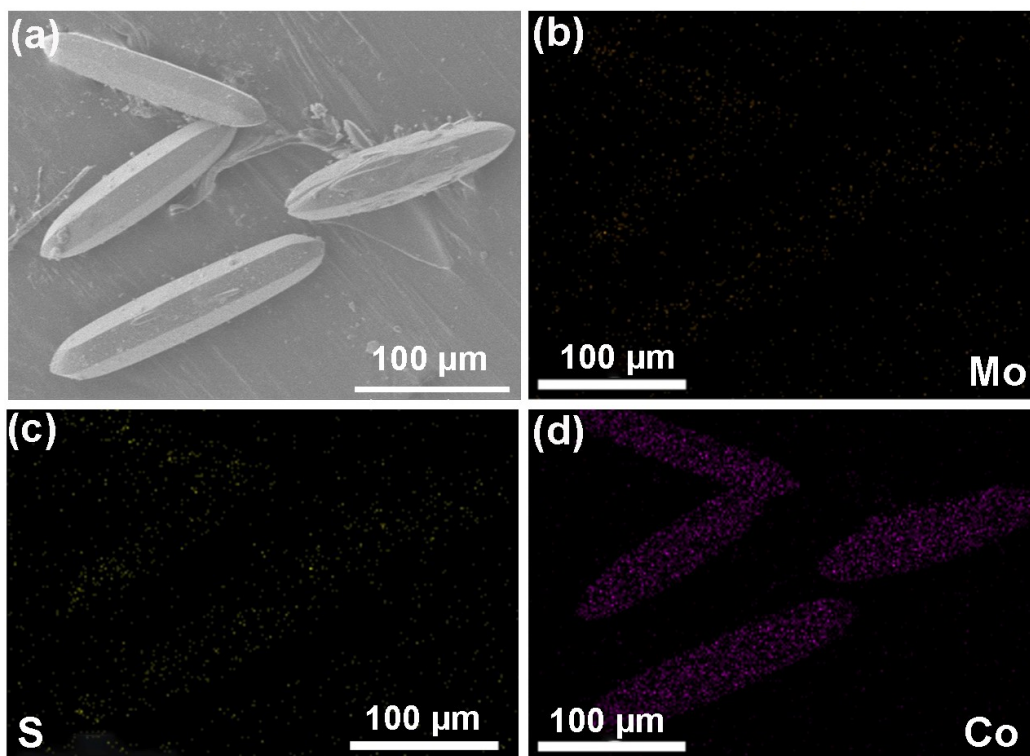
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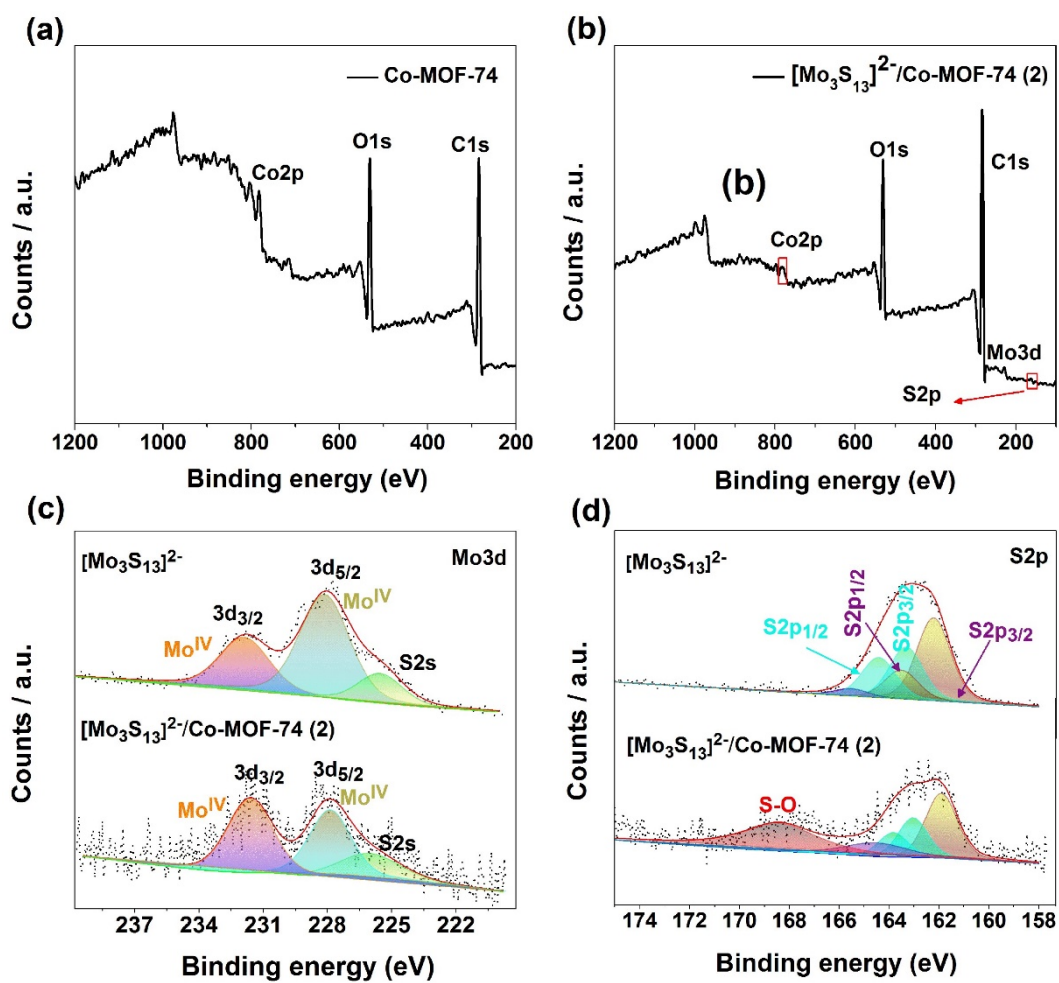
## Figures



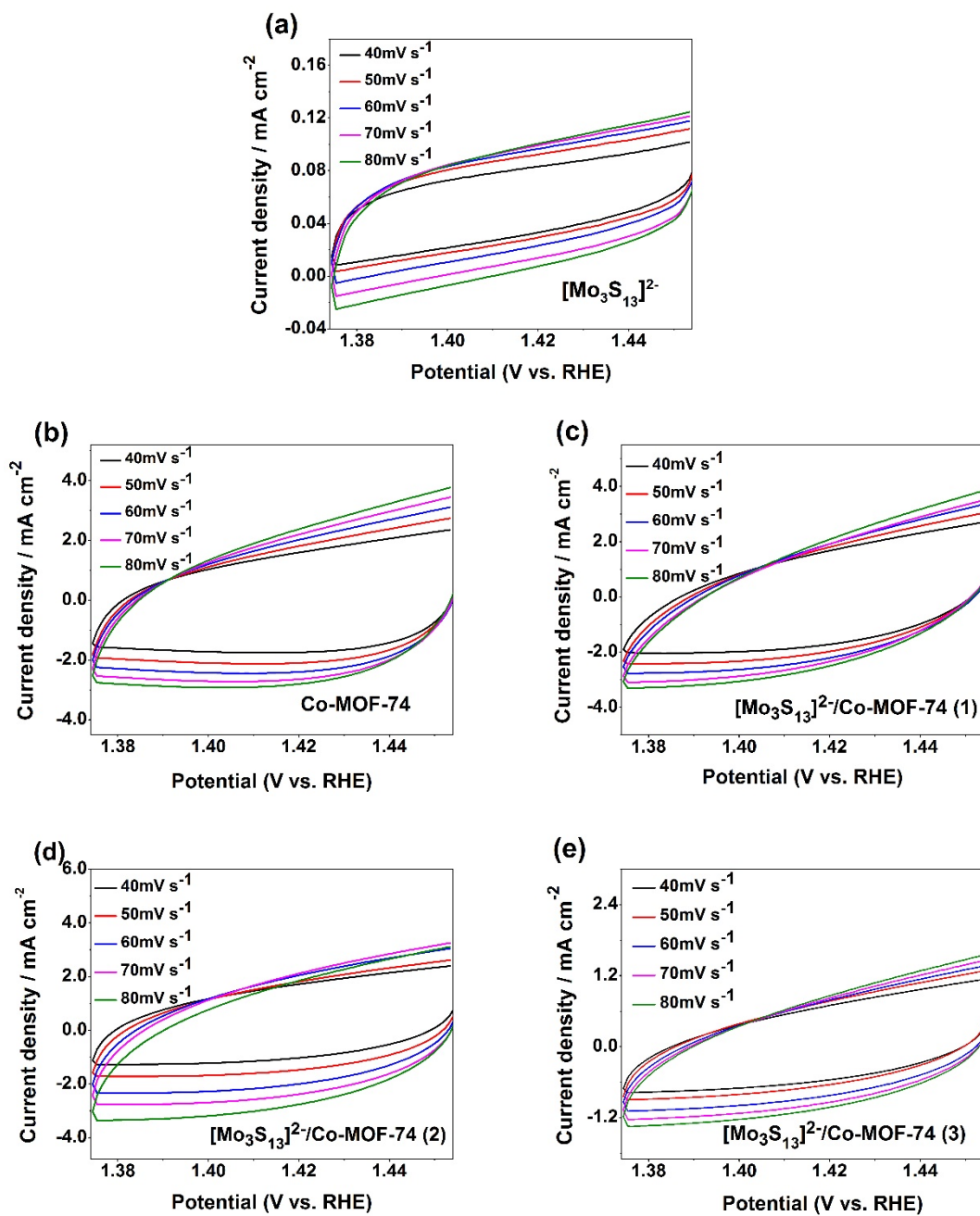
**Fig. S1** (a) X-ray diffraction patterns (XRD) of Co-MOF-74, Co-MOF-74/[Mo<sub>3</sub>S<sub>13</sub>]<sup>2-</sup> (1), Co-MOF-74/[Mo<sub>3</sub>S<sub>13</sub>]<sup>2-</sup> (2), and Co-MOF-74/[Mo<sub>3</sub>S<sub>13</sub>]<sup>2-</sup> (3). (b) XRD patterns of [Mo<sub>3</sub>S<sub>13</sub>]<sup>2-</sup> and a standard card of (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>3</sub>S<sub>13</sub>·nH<sub>2</sub>O (JCPDS 76-2038). (c) Fourier transformed infrared (FT-IR) spectra of Co-MOF-74/[Mo<sub>3</sub>S<sub>13</sub>]<sup>2-</sup> (1), Co-MOF-74/[Mo<sub>3</sub>S<sub>13</sub>]<sup>2-</sup> (2), and Co-MOF-74/[Mo<sub>3</sub>S<sub>13</sub>]<sup>2-</sup> (3).



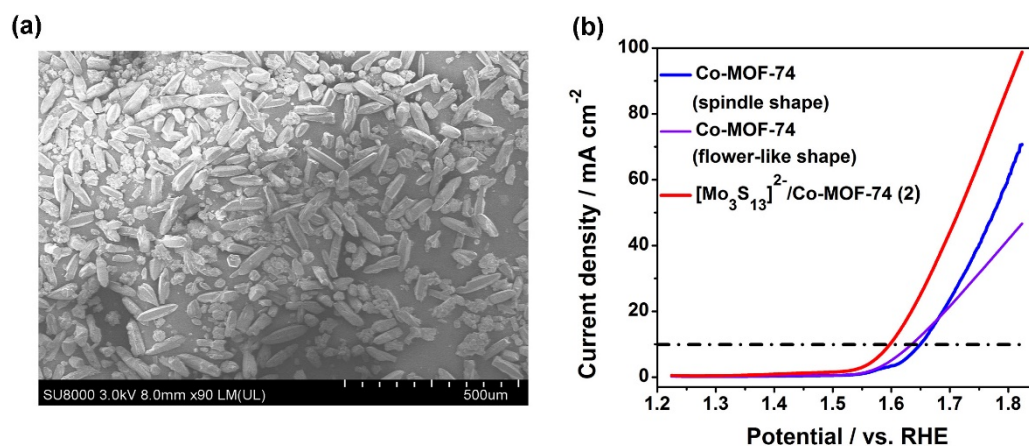
**Fig. S2** (a-d) The EDS elemental mapping for [Mo<sub>3</sub>S<sub>13</sub>]<sup>2-</sup>/Co-MOF-74 (2).



**Fig. S3** The survey X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) spectra of Co-MOF-74 (a) and  $[\text{Mo}_3\text{S}_{13}]^{2-}/\text{Co-MOF-74 (2)}$  (b). The high-resolution XPS spectra of Mo 3d (c) and S 2p (d) in the  $[\text{Mo}_3\text{S}_{13}]^{2-}$  and  $[\text{Mo}_3\text{S}_{13}]^{2-}/\text{Co-MOF-74 (2)}$ .



**Fig. S4** The CV curves under different scan rates (40 mV/s to 80 mV/s) for  $[\text{Mo}_3\text{S}_{13}]^{2-}$  (a), Co-MOF-74 (b),  $[\text{Mo}_3\text{S}_{13}]^{2-}/\text{Co-MOF-74 (1)}$  (c),  $[\text{Mo}_3\text{S}_{13}]^{2-}/\text{Co-MOF-74 (2)}$  (d) and  $[\text{Mo}_3\text{S}_{13}]^{2-}/\text{Co-MOF-74 (3)}$  (e) in 1 M KOH.



**Fig. S5** (a) Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) image of Co-MOF-74 with spindle morphology. (b) LSV curves of Co-MOF-74 and  $[\text{Mo}_3\text{S}_{13}]^{2-}/\text{Co-MOF-74}$  (**2**) with different morphologies in 1 M KOH solution.

**Table S1** The molar ratios of Mo and Co in different catalysts were determined by inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS).

Samples	Feeding molar ratio (Mo/Co)	Final molar ratio (Mo/Co)
Co-MOF-74	0	0
$[\text{Mo}_3\text{S}_{13}]^{2-}/\text{Co-MOF-74}$ ( <b>1</b> )	0.07	0.05
$[\text{Mo}_3\text{S}_{13}]^{2-}/\text{Co-MOF-74}$ ( <b>2</b> )	0.2	0.07
$[\text{Mo}_3\text{S}_{13}]^{2-}/\text{Co-MOF-74}$ ( <b>3</b> )	0.4	0.2

**Table S2** Comparison of OER catalytic performance of some reported electrocatalysts and  $[\text{Mo}_3\text{S}_{13}]^{2-}/\text{Co-MOF-74}$  in alkaline solution.

Catalyst	Electrodes	Electrolyte	Over potential (10 mA/cm <sup>2</sup> ) vs. RHE (V)	Tafer slope (mV dec <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
Fe/Co NH <sub>2</sub> BDC MOF	FTO	1M KOH	0.520	101	1
RuO <sub>2</sub>	CP	1 M KOH	0.405	126	2
Ni BTC	CP	1 M KOH	0.346	64	2
N-doped Graphene CoO	RDE	1 M KOH	0.340	71	3
Co NPs/N-C-800	RDE	1 M KOH	0.379	61.4	4
Co-BTC	GCE	1 M KOH	0.386	84.78	5
ZIF-67@POM	GCE	1 M KOH	0.490	88	6
CoO <sub>x</sub> -ZIF	GCE	0.1M NaOH	0.318	70.3	7
Co-ZIF-9	FTO	0.1 KOH	0.510	93	8
ZIF-67@NPC-2 (2:1)	RDE	0.1 M KOH	0.410	114	9
CoP/NCNHP	GCE	1 M KOH	0.310	70	10
Mo-N/C@MoS <sub>2</sub>	GCE	1 M KOH	0.390	72	11
NNU-23	CC	0.1 M KOH	0.365	81.8	12
Co <sub>6</sub> Mo <sub>6</sub> C <sub>2</sub> @NCN T-800	GCE	1 M KOH	0.361	48.37	13
FeNi-MOF-74	NF (Ni foam)	1 M KOH	0.223	71.6	14
NiFc-MOF	NF	1 M KOH	0.195	44.1	15
Cu-Fe-NH <sub>2</sub> MOF	NF	1 M KOH	0.33	60.8	16
NiCo-UMOFNs	GCE	1 M KOH	0.189	42	17
<b><math>[\text{Mo}_3\text{S}_{13}]^{2-}/\text{Co-MOF-74 (2)}</math></b>	<b>GCE</b>	<b>1 M KOH</b>	<b>0.368</b>	<b>90.6</b>	<b>This work</b>

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