## **Supplementary Information**

## Synergistic effect of porous carbon shell confinement and catalytic conversion of nickel nanoparticles core for improved lithium-sulfur batteries

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Figure S1. XRD pattern of Ni-MOF.



Figure S2. XRD patterns of Ni@PC, S/Ni@PC and S.



Figure S3. CV curves of Ni@PC (a) and SP (b) symmetric cell with 0.2 M  $Li_2S_6$  electrolytes at 1  $mV \cdot s^{-1}$ .



Figure S4. Galvanostatic charge/discharge curves of S/Ni@PC and S/SP for the 50<sup>th</sup> cycle at 0.2C.



Figure S5. Galvanostatic charge/discharge curves of S/Ni@PC (a) and S/SP (b) at 0.2C.



Figure S6. Galvanostatic charge/discharge curves of S/Ni@PC (a) and S/SP (b) at 0.5C.



Figure S7. Galvanostatic charge/discharge curves of S/SP at 0.2~2C.