

Supplementary information

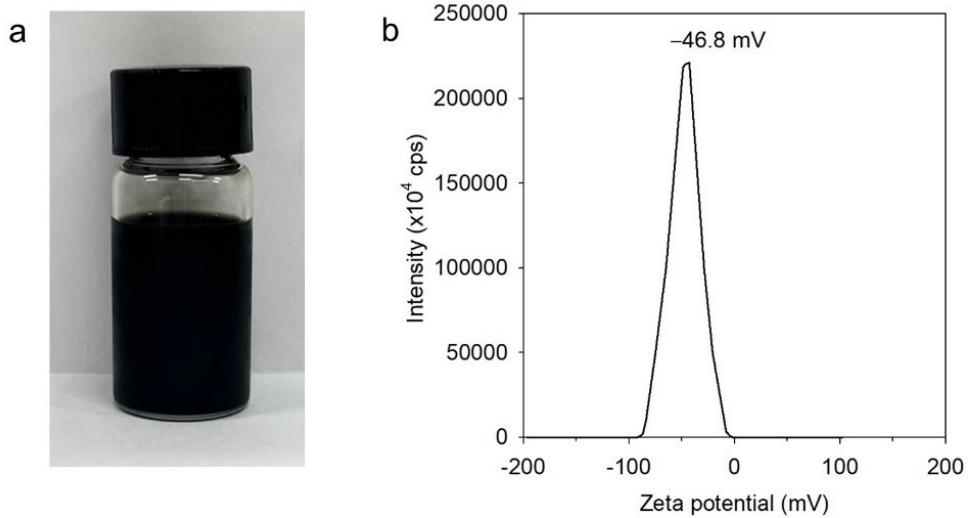
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electrocatalytic hydrogen evolution reaction**

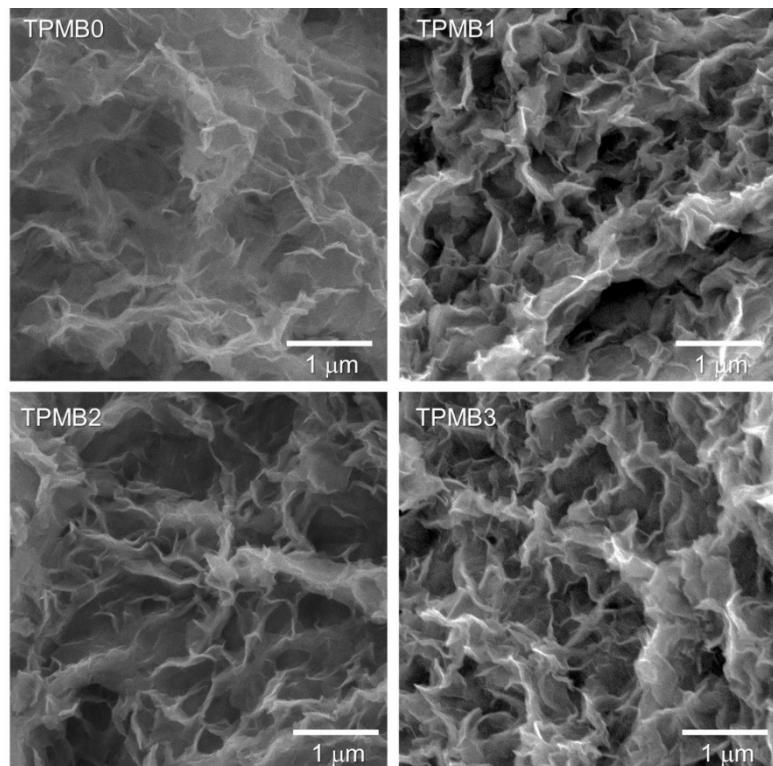
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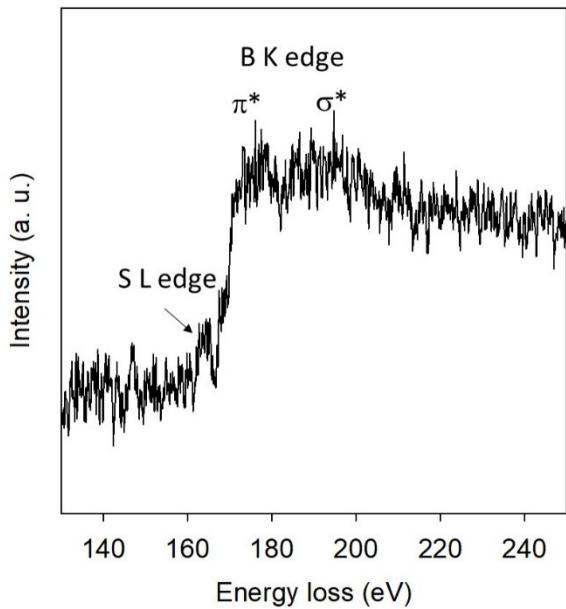
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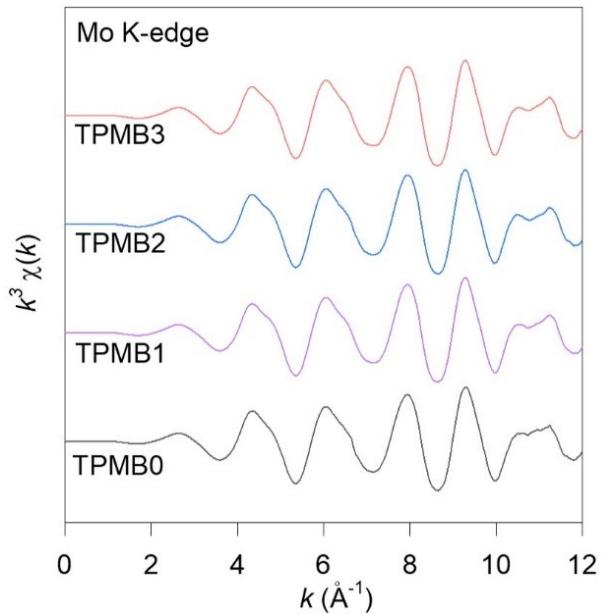
**Fig. S1.** (a) Photoimage of colloidal suspension and (b) zeta potential data of exfoliated MoS<sub>2</sub> nanosheets.



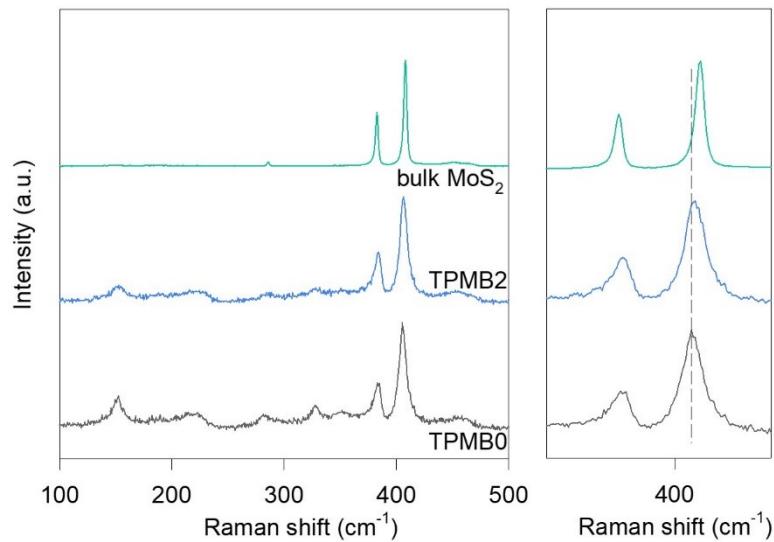
**Fig. S2.** Field emission-scanning electron microscopy (FE-SEM) images of TPMB materials.



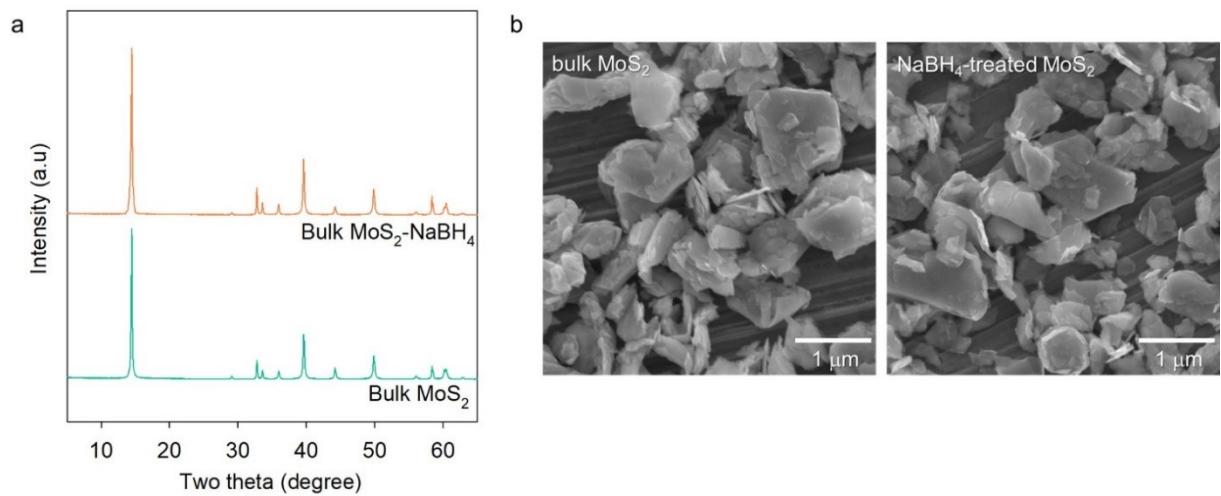
**Fig. S3.** Electron energy loss spectroscopy (EELS) data of TPMB3 material.



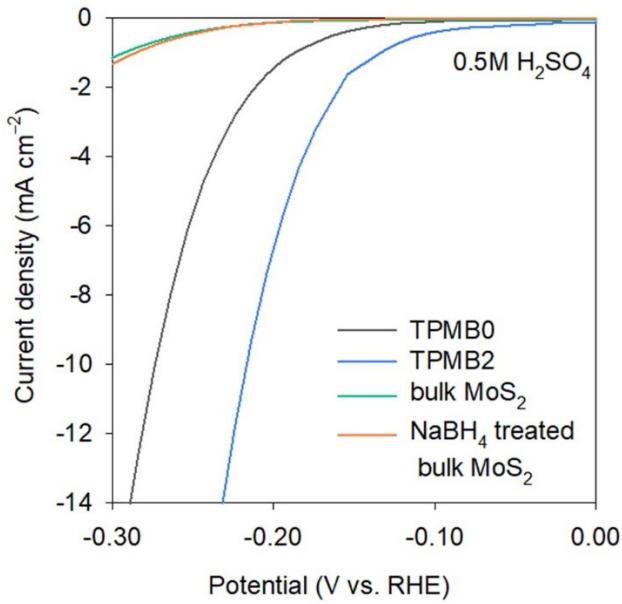
**Fig. S4.**  $k^3$ -weighted Mo K-edge extended X-ray absorption fine structure (EXAFS) data of TPMB materials.



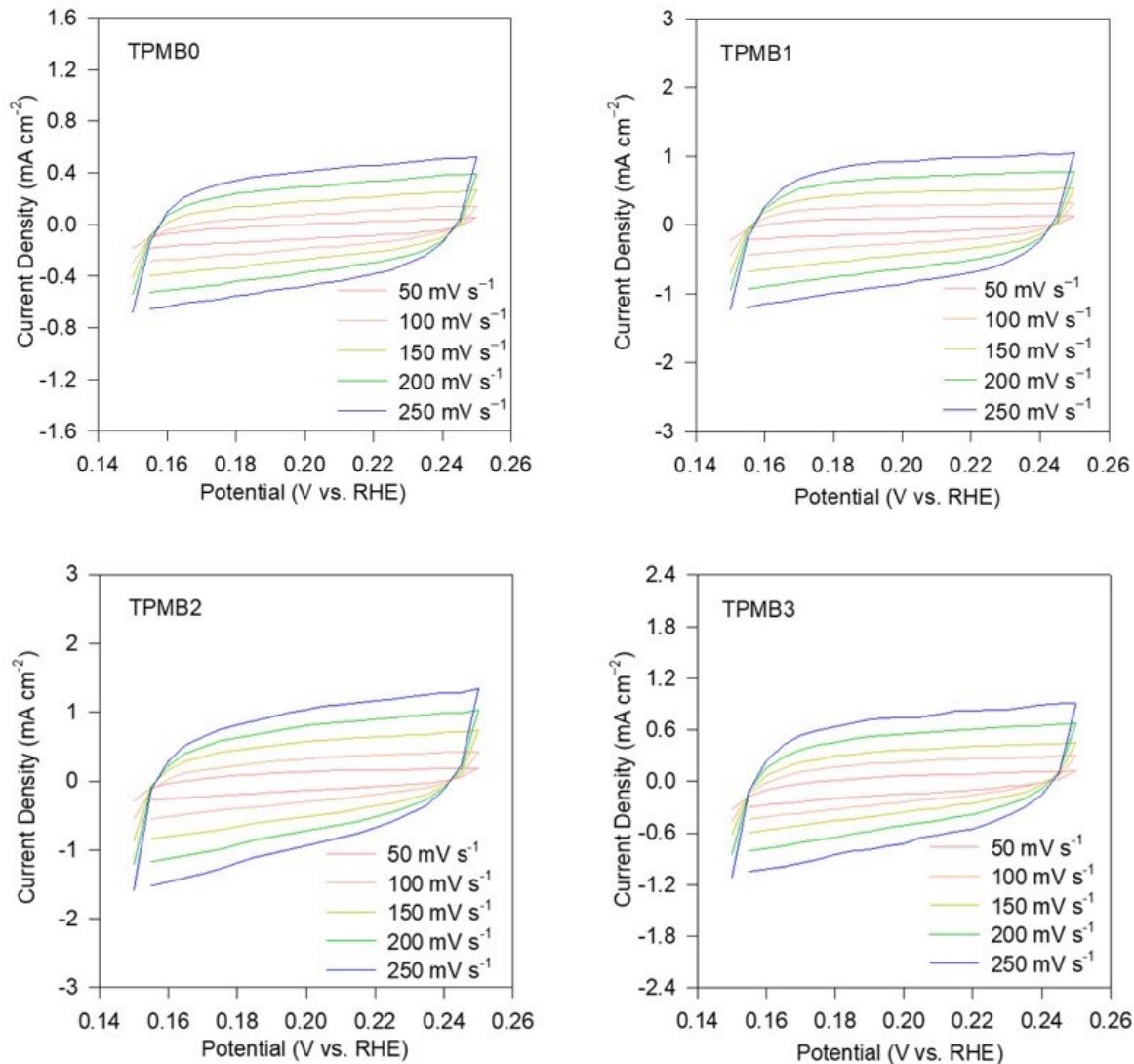
**Fig. S5.** Micro-Raman data of TPMB materials.



**Fig. S6.** (a) Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) images and (b) FE-SEM images of NaBH<sub>4</sub>-treated bulk MoS<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S7.** Linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) curves of NaBH<sub>4</sub>-treated bulk MoS<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S8.** Cyclic voltammetry (CV) curves measured at various scan rates of TPMB materials.

**Table S1.** Results of non-linear least-squares Mo K-edge EXAFS fitting analysis.

Material	Bonding pair	Coordination number	Bond distance (Å)	ΔE (eV)	$\sigma^2 (10^{-3} \times \text{Å}^2)$
TPMB0	Mo–S	6	2.406	-0.73	3.80
	Mo–Mo	2	2.867	1.09	9.74
	Mo–Mo	2	3.208	1.00	7.87
TPMB1	Mo–S	6	2.406	-0.47	3.67
	Mo–Mo	2	2.893	3.87	10.13
	Mo–Mo	2	3.183	1.22	7.74
TPMB2	Mo–S	6	2.406	-0.48	4.04
	Mo–Mo	2	2.891	2.14	6.24
	Mo–Mo	2	3.186	1.28	3.00
TPMB3	Mo–S	6	2.406	-0.40	3.53
	Mo–Mo	2	2.893	3.07	9.90
	Mo–Mo	2	3.186	1.99	6.83